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Bank red tape blocks FEMA aid

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Mabelle Subang of Gualo Rai Road was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to receive financial aid. In fact, the money was already in her back account. However, when she tried to withdraw it, Bank of Guam refused to release the money to her, citing bank policy.

Today marks the second month since Typhoon Soudebor devastated Saipan but many of those who were fortunate enough to get approved for financial assistance are having trouble accessing their much-needed money.

Like hundreds of foreign nationals with U.S. citizen children, Subang was advised to put in the name of her U.S. citizen child as the applicant when she

applied for FEMA assistance.

"In the beginning I was the applicant. FEMA advised me to change the name of the applicant to my child's name so that I won't have a problem with the inspector," Subang told *Saipan Tribune*.

On Sept. 20, some days after being inspected, Subang's application was approved and FEMA wired the money to her

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NMC to hike tuition by 35 percent

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The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents voted yesterday to increase tuition for residents students by 35 percent starting in the fall semester of 2016, raising rates for the first time in almost 10 years after seeing a 40-percent drop in government appropriations for the college since 2003.

For fiscal year 2016, the college is appropriated \$4.4 million. In fiscal 2015, they got \$4.9 million. In 2003, the college was appropriated \$8 million.

At \$95 per credit, NMC is also the lowest in the re-

gion, compared to colleges in American Samoa, Palau Community College, University of Hawaii Community colleges, and Guam Community College, among others.

With the increase effective next school year, this rate will jump to \$128.25 per credit.

The college has also approved an increase in mandatory fees for registration and new fees have been established.

Full-time students pay for 12 credits a school semester. With the increase, they'll pay out a total of \$1,539, not including fees and costs of school materials.

For fifteen credits, the college plans a "banded tuition rate,"

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EIS comment period closes today

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The government consultants hired to review the U.S. military's plans to conduct expansive live-fire training on Tinian

and Pagan will submit today, Oct. 2, [Oct. 1 PDT San Francisco time] their formal comments to the U.S. Department of Defense, joining a chorus of other government agencies and public bodies opposing the mil-

itary's project as it stands now.

Dentons LLC—in their initial review and findings on the legal adequacy of the "CNMI Joint Military Training" project's draft environmental impact statement—called for a

second draft. They say a new round of public comment, with a heavily revised environmental impact statement, is needed before the U.S. Department of Navy moves further with its decision.

Dentons has said that the

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Third graders of the Grace Christian Academy are the first to receive dictionaries from the Rotary Club of Saipan this school year. The club will be distributing to all 3rd graders in the CNMI in succeeding days as it has done in past years.

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'Unconstitutional, unfunded, unsound'

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos vetoed seven provisions in the newly enacted \$145-million budget for fiscal year 2016 for being "unconstitutional, unfunded, or unsound," according to a letter

» **Inos describes vetoes, comments on good and bad of budget**

he sent to both chambers of the Legislature on Wednesday.

Inos' signature on Tuesday

prevented a government shutdown but also signed off on cuts to the CNMI's tourism body, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and vetoed salary increases for law enforcers, among others.

"Last year, the Legislature passed a budget and presented it to me with ample time to re-

view its provisions," Inos wrote. "This year, the Legislature passed the budget very near to the start of fiscal year 2016."

The House and Senate were deadlocked for weeks on the budget but emerged with "compromise" provisions that included these cuts to the MVA and raises for law enforcers.

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Local

Buckingham suspended from law practice in NMI

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The CNMI Supreme Court has suspended former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from the practice of law in the Commonwealth for his conviction on public corruption charges last year.

The suspension order was issued last April, but *Saipan Tribune* got the copy only yesterday. The order was signed by Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and Associate Justices John A. Manglona and Perry B. Inos.

According to the justices, the clerk of the Superior Court transmitted to them a certified copy of the judgment of conviction and order on Feb. 20, 2014, convicting Buckingham of various criminal offenses, including theft of services.

The justices cited Rule 15(a) of the NMI Rules of Attorney Discipline and Procedure, which states that the Supreme Court, after certification of the conviction by the clerk of the court, must suspend an attorney who has been convicted of a felony or a crime involving dishonesty or false statement.

Buckingham was previously suspended in 2013 for failing to pay his annual CNMI Bar Association membership dues.

On Feb. 19, 2014, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo found the then-65-year-old Buckingham guilty of all public corruption charges except one and sentenced him to 3.5 years in prison, all suspended.

In imposing a no-prison term sentence, Govendo said he believes that jail sentence is not appropriate considering that, among other things, Buckingham is not a typical criminal that stole or embez-

zled a huge amount of money, or committed sexual abuse or violent crimes.

Govendo found Buckingham guilty of use of public supplies, time and personnel for campaign activities; use of the name of a government department or agency to campaign and/or express support for a candidate running for public office; misconduct in public office (related to campaign matter); conspiracy to commit theft of services (related to escort issue); misconduct in public office (pertaining to escort issue); conspiracy to commit theft service (related to use government counsels to represent him); and misconduct in public office (use of government counsels in his criminal case).

Govendo acquitted Buckingham of one count of failure to produce documents or information (pertaining to Office of the Public Auditor's investigation into a sole-source contract project).

At the sentencing hearing, Govendo also ordered Buckingham to pay a \$14,000 fine and placed him on unsupervised probation for three-and-a-half years.

Govendo prohibited the former attorney general from being employed by the CNMI government for 20 years.

Buckingham is the first former attorney general in the CNMI to stand trial in a criminal case.

The Office of the Public Auditor originally filed 12 criminal charges against Buckingham in connection with violation of election laws and illegal award of a sole-source contract, among others.

Govendo dismissed four charges, including those pertaining to the contract issue.



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egate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan

(Ind-MP) has introduced leg-
islation to establish a National

Apatang supports bill to separate master concession for NMI ports

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Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang supports a bill authorizing the Commonwealth Ports Authority to separate independent master concessions for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Senate Bill 19-48, authored by Senate President Victor Hocog (Ind-Rota), proposes to authorize CPA to grant separate master concession agreements for the airports and seaports of each island. This would allow each port of entry on all three islands to have its own separate concession.

Hocog's bill amends Public Law 4-60 that was enacted in 1985. It states that "although previous master concession agreement and current successive master concession agreement provides that DFS [Duty Free Saipan] has exclusive concession privileges at all points of entries in the CNMI...DFS Saipan has only operated stores at the Saipan International Airport."

"DFS Saipan has not exercised its exclusive privileges at the Tinian and Rota international airports partially due to the low retail demand, low passenger traffic, and unstable air service at each airport, respectively," it added.

The passage of the bill opens the door to possible investors that want to set up duty-free stores on the other two islands.

"We think such legislative finding is observational and typical," Apatang said.

"Although the idea of authorizing the CPA to make opportunities available to more than one company to operate a concession at the port of Rota and Tinian independently—any company that is unrelated to the master concessionaire currently operating at the port in Saipan—we believe it will not immediately translate into a tangible undertaking," he added.

Apatang explained that factors such as operating cost, shipping cost, consumer preferences, and number of travelers will always influence any business decision whether to operate a concession on Rota and Tinian.

"A for-profit company's sole purpose is to profit and stay in business for as long as the business climate is favorable to its long-term survival. For any concessionaire at the ports of Rota and Tinian to remain in operation once they start, the CPA and government must partner with them to assure they stay in business," he said.

CPA board member Barrie Toves said that they already have an interested investor that wants to do a master concession on Tinian; however, PL 4-60 prohibits splitting the master concession.

"We are monitoring the bill so we could sit down and negotiate," Toves told reporters after a recent board meeting.

Toves noted that Mega Stars was the interested investor for a master concession on Tinian and that the CPA board supports the passage of the bill.

Guard unit for the Northern Mariana Islands.

"A National Guard for the Northern Marianas is consistent with America's commitment to enhancing security and stability in the Asia-Pacific," Sablan said. "A National Guard unit is critical, too, for responding quickly and effectively to emergencies within the commonwealth, including natural disasters."

"We pray we never have to experience another disaster like Typhoon Soudelor," he added, "but if we do, we will be better prepared to respond if we have our own National Guard to call to service."

Sablan's bill, H.R. 3649, follows on the heels of a study by the National Guard Bureau, which concludes that a National

Guard for the Com-

monwealth is feasible, but would require several major actions, including changes to the federal law that governs the National Guard. The study was mandated by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, and was released on Aug. 19, 2015.

H.R. 3649 would amend Titles 10, 32, and 37 of the United States Code to authorize the establishment of National Guard units in the Northern Mariana Islands.

"This bill is the next important step in the process of establishing our own National Guard that is on par with the existing units of other states and territo-



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ries, including Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands," Sablan said. "The Northern Marianas government has already taken the first important step, which is enacting a local law to organize a militia for the Commonwealth."

That law, Public Law 13-32, the Northern Mariana Islands National Guard Act, was enacted in 2002.

Members of the National Guard can be called to active service by the governor of their state or territory to respond to disaster and civil disorder. They can also be called to federal active duty by the President of the United States to enforce laws,

defend against invasion or insurrection, or provide support for military operations. National Guardsmen additionally participate in regular training and other activities under state control, but with federal pay and benefits.

"Residents of the Northern Marianas currently join the Guam National Guard, so clearly there is interest," Sablan said. In 2013-2014, seventeen Guam National Guardsmen from the Northern Marianas were called to active duty in Afghanistan.

There are 54 National Guard units in existence today—one for each of the 50 states, and for Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. (*Office of the Delegate*)

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they wanted. Inos approved cuts to MVA that he earlier called an “invasion” of earmarked funds—but with strong comment. Inos also dropped the salary raises because it was not clear to the Executive Branch where the Legislature sourced its funding.

“Next year, I hope the Legislature acts more expediently so that I can have the 20 days allowed under the Constitution to thoroughly review the appropriations without the threat of a government shutdown,” Inos said.

The budget measure now sits with the Legislature for their discretion and possible override.

Reprogramming authority

Inos vetoed sections of the budget that gave 100 percent reprogramming authority to the chief justice and mayors.

“[The provisions] are disapproved as they do not support sound fiscal policy,” Inos said.

Inos writes that there is no “apparent basis” for authorizing the chief justice and the mayors to reprogram up to 100 percent of their respective appropriations.

Inos said the 10 percent statutory reprogramming authority for the chief justice and the mayors provide them with “more than enough flexibility to deal with unanticipated expenses.

Inos, though, signed off on provisions to give him up to 100 percent reprogramming authority. This is a jump from last fiscal year budget’s 50 percent.

“This flexibility is warranted as the governor needs the flexibility to respond to...

obligations resulting from the damage the Commonwealth suffered during Typhoon Soudelor and the Commonwealth’s obligation to retirees under the *Johnson v. Inos* settlement agreement,” he said.

Suspension of 1 CNMC 8253

The Legislature wanted to suspend a part of the Budget Code on “Hiring Restrictions” that Inos said “requires the government to fill positions that become vacant when an employee retires with an employee who earns a lower salary than that earned by retiring employee.”

Inos called this unsound policy.

“The Secretary of Finance must remit a payroll savings realized by this procedure to the Retirement Fund. The requirement under section 8253 encourages government savings and should not be suspended.

“It appears the intent of suspending [the section] may have been to redirect funds from the Retirement Fund to Medical Referral Services,” Inos said.

“If that is in fact the intent,” Inos said, “the wholesale suspension of Section 8253 will not carry out that intent. The wholesale suspension also suspends the requirement that a lower paid employee be hired to fill the vacancy. To redirect the funds, the Legislature must limit the suspension to the portion of Section 8253 that requires the Secretary of Finance to remit funds to the Retirement Fund and redirect the funds to Medical Referral Services.”

Public Auditor’s fee

The Legislature—in Section 605 of the budget—proposed

that any remaining balance of the Public Auditor’s Fee of 1 percent of the total appropriations for each government agency’s operations and activities would be applied to the Medical Referral Services.

Inos said this provision is unconstitutional and disproved it in its entirety.

Inos said that, without saying so, the section would reprogram the Public Auditor’s budgetary appropriations. Essentially, Inos said, any remaining balance of the Public Auditor’s appropriation would be “reprogrammed” for Medical Referral Services.

“The Public Auditor’s appropriation cannot be reprogrammed,” Inos writes, citing the NMI Constitution that guarantee a budget of at least \$500,000 and mandates that this appropriation not be reprogrammed for other purposes.

Unconstitutional

Sections that prevented budget reductions to the Judiciary or Legislature “without legislative approval” first were vetoed as unconstitutional.

“If estimated revenue is less than projected, the Secretary of Finance may reduce appropriations so that such decrease is absorbed proportionately by the three branches,” Inos said.

“Requiring legislative approval before the Secretary of Finance can proportionately reduce appropriations made... sidesteps the constitutional process for enacting law and violates the separation of powers doctrine,” he said.

“Here, ‘legislative approval’ alters the rights of parties outside of the legislative branch—it effectively allows the Legislature to veto the action of the Executive Branch and violates the separation of

powers doctrine. If the Legislature wants to change the way the Secretary of Finance responds to a decrease in estimated revenues, it must do so through the enactment of law and not by merely requiring “legislative approval.”

Allocation for drug court

Inos vetoed allocations for a “drug court” because he says it impermissibly funds a program that does not exist.

Citing an analysis of the Constitution, Inos said appropriation bills are limited to “programs that have already been authorized.”

The Legislature allocated \$150,000 for a “new” drug court, not a program that was already authorized.

“When the drug court is actually established by law, the Legislature can pass a supplemental appropriation bill to fund it should it so desire.”

Salary increases

The section that provide for 5 percent across-the-board increase for law enforcement employed was found “not equitable.”

The salary increase does not account for law enforcement officers on Rota and Tinian, said Inos.

“This is not fair and it will create moral problems for law enforcement. Moreover, requiring the law enforcement agencies to use 5 percent of their personnel budget to fund this mandate would require agencies to cut staff and would run counter to the 25 percent cap on overtime. This is not workable... Although, I am vetoing this provision, it should not be interpreted as disapproval of salary increases in general,” Inos said, urging that lawmakers find “a fair and work-

able plan” to raise salaries.

Public schools

Inos deleted provisions that the Public School System believed encroached on their constitutional authority to run their school:

■ A provision that gave the expenditure authority for the operations of each public school to the principal or his/her designee

■ A provision that requires the education commissioner to reprogram all funds allocated to personnel positions that are vacant at the end of each quarter to the operations account of each respective school.

“[These provisions] are disapproved as they are unconstitutional. Designating the expenditure authorities for public schools conflicts with section 1(b) or Article XV of the Constitution which places the administration of the public schools with the Commissioner of Education,” Inos said.

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account in Bank of Guam.

However, what was supposed to be a faster way to get the money turned out to be circuitous for Subang.

“When I went to the bank they were asking for too many requirements. They told me I can’t withdraw the money because it’s not in my name. I told them that’s my child, because I need to put the name of my child as the applicant,” Subang said.

“They said it’s not allowed because that’s their policy.”

Subang said she was told to bring the birth certificate of her child proving she is the mother, a copy of FEMA’s letter showing how much she received, and a letter stating why she had the money sent to her account.

“That FEMA letter takes a while to come because it’s through the mail. The reason why I wanted the money wired is because that is faster,” Subang said. “If I’d known this would happen, I should just have opted for the money to be sent via mail.”

After not being able to withdraw her money, Subang said FEMA retrieved the money from Bank of Guam and will instead be sending her a check through the mail. This check is expected to arrive within seven to 10 days and may be subjected to more days of clearing before it can be cashed.

It is now October and still Subang is not able to use the

MVA earmarks

The Legislature cut \$2.5 from MVA programs to fund other agency needs.

Inos, while avoiding a veto, urged caution in the future.

“Redirection of funds could have detrimental effects on tourism and could jeopardize the government’s credibility with the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Island when implementing increases in the hotel occupancy tax in the future... To the extent that the Legislature finds it necessary to redirect MVA’s earmarked funds to other items, the Legislature should ensure that there is a nexus between the item and the promotion of tourism.”

Inos said the items funded by the MVA earmarks—streetlights, x-ray scanners for cargo, and cleanup and beautification programs for the Saipan mayor—have a “direct nexus” to tourism enhancement.

assistance her family needs. Subang said it’s doubly hard for them who already went through a disaster to be given the run-around when they try to access their financial assistance.

“They are the local bank who is supposed to help their clients who went through a disaster but instead they are giving us a hard time,” Subang said.

Bank of Guam declined to comment on the matter but stated that they have already coordinated with FEMA regarding this.

FEMA is also aware of the problem and confirmed that they already had discussions with all the banks operating in Saipan.

“It is true that survivors have had difficulties especially when the checks or electronically transferred funds are in the name of the minor child in the households and FEMA’s private sector division has had two round tables with Saipan banking industry to help them resolve the issues and we are ongoing, we’re still working on that, working closely with the bank for a final resolution of all the issues,” FEMA media relations manager Kurt Pickering said.

According to Pickering, these are “banking issues” and not “FEMA issues.”

He added that those who are having problems with their assistance can consult with FEMA at the Disaster Recovery Center.

“That’s what the Disaster Recovery Center is for. If you’re having a problem you can go to the Disaster Recovery Center,” Pickering said.

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Navy’s document will not provide a legally defensible basis—under the National Environmental Policy Act and relevant federal and local environmental and historic law—for the Navy to sanction their live-fire project.

Denton’s comments, along with those from Environmental Science Associates, jointly form the offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor’s official comments on the military’s live-fire plans.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in his cover letter, will call on the Navy to withdraw and reconsider its proposal, *Saipan Tribune* learned. Inos will insist that the Navy’s proposed actions present an “existential threat” to the islands’ tourism-driven economy, fragile ecosystem, and cultural resources.

The CNMI has already leased two-thirds of Tinian and whole island of Farallon de Medinilla to the United States for training purposes. Inos will call on these

facts and supportive partnership with the U.S. in his letter.

The Department of Navy—through the Marine Corps Forces Pacific—plans to dredge acres of coral reef on Tinian and construct four live-fire training complexes on the island and train for a period that CNMI officials say is ill-defined.

One beach, Unai Chulu, is part of a National Historical Landmark and is being eyed by the Navy for landing ramps for military assault vehicles as part of live-fire training inclusive of grenades, mortar, and rocket ranges, among others.

On Pagan, the military plans to conduct similar training but notably proposes leasing the entire island to support training that they say will only occur on the northern part of the island. That training, like on Tinian, will include expansive restricted air and sea space. The training targets a spot on Pagan’s northern volcano for thousands of pounds of highly explosive aviation ordnance.

Chorus of opposition

This week, the CNMI Historic

Preservation Office and the Department of Commerce decried the military plans in comment letters filed on Wednesday.

In a 12-page letter, Commerce notes the military’s failure in calculating the true economic effects of their training on the island economy. Meanwhile, HPO laments that historic surveys on Pagan as inadequate, and that the Navy failed to conduct adequate public outreach, among others.

Commerce cites a “lack of rigor in calculating economic projections” and projects an adverse impact on power utility rates on Tinian. It recommends that the Department of the Navy construct its own power generation facilities and use the excess capacity generated by that facility to supplement residential ratepayers.

HPO concerns cite an “improper scope of analysis,” saying Defense has proposed a series of military training actions—including the Mariana Islands Training and Testing project, the Divert Activities and Exercises project, the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation project, and the CJMT—

that would be implemented in the same place, at the same time, and with impacts to many of the same historic and cultural resources.

HPO said the draft EIS does not do an adequate job of identifying the historic and cultural resources that will be impacted by the CJMT. “The limited information presented in the document is more than enough to confirm that the Navy’s preferred alternative would wipe out a staggering number of historic sites and cultural resources—by the Navy’s own admission, at least 197 on Tinian and 75 more on Pagan,” it said.

HPO also pointed out that there are three official languages in the CNMI: English, Chamorro, and Carolinian. “To date, the Navy has refused to provide the draft EIS (or any portions of it) in any language other than English. HPO is extremely concerned that CNMI residents who primarily speak Chamorro or Carolinian (many of whom would be particularly affected by the cultural resource impacts of the CJMT) have been effectively denied participation in the EIS process.”

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meaning they will pay for those extra three credits with no additional cost.

Yesterday, voting in favor of the increase were regents Juan Lizama, Elizabeth Rechebei, Frank Rabauliman, Michaela

Sanchez, and Malua Peter.

Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, a new regent on the board who was sworn in by Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres yesterday, abstained from voting.

The vote for a tuition hike follows discussions the college has been having since 2012.

In 2014 and 2015, students held forums on the proposed hikes in tuition and fees.

Govt fails to submit restitution claim vs Fitial by deadline

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Former Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George Hasselback is currently discussing with the lawyer of former governor Benigno R. Fitial regarding the amount of restitution that may be imposed on Fitial in connection with his criminal conviction.

Saipan Tribune checked the Superior Court yesterday and

OAG moves to drop case vs teen who lands in jail due to 'selfies'

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The Office of the Attorney General moved yesterday to dismiss the charges against Carl Steve Coronel Aldan, the teenager accused of stealing a wallet and a cellphone and was arrested after he took self-portraits or "selfies" on the phone, not knowing it had an application that allowed the owner to track and access its contents remotely.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas requested the Superior Court to dismiss without prejudice the case against 18-year-old Aldan, as additional investigation is needed to be done. Dismissal without prejudice means the government may re-file the case in the future.

With the government's motion to dismiss, the preliminary hearing that is sup-

High court affirms child custody ruling

On Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, the NMI Supreme Court issued a ruling in *Inos v. Inos*, affirming an order of the trial court that prohibited Pebbles B. Inos from taking her daughter, "G.I.," to the Philippines and requiring Perry Gus A. Inos Jr. to cooperate in obtaining a passport for G.I.

The high court concluded that the trial court did not abuse its discretion because the factors presented by Pebbles B. Inos' attorney were not evidence, and the trial court's decision was supported by the record. Moreover, the high court justices

found out that Hasselback, as special prosecutor in this case, has yet to file the CNMI government's claim for restitution against Fitial.

» **Hasselback says he and Fitial's counsel currently discussing amount of restitution**

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman had directed the government in July to file its claim for restitution on or before Sept. 10, 2015.

Pursuant to the sentence and commitment order on June 26, 2015, Fitial was required to pay restitution in an amount to be determined at a later date.

posed to start today, Friday, is cancelled.

Aldan was arrested in San Antonio last Friday for theft. The court imposed a \$5,000 cash bail.

Police detective Daniel Maliuyaf stated in his report that two Korean male tourists went swimming last Aug. 30, leaving their belongings under one of the umbrellas at Saipan World Resort. When the two got out of the pool, they discovered that their wallets containing \$246 in cash and an iPhone 5—with a total value of \$1,050—were missing.

Once back in Korea, the victims emailed the Saipan World Resort management pictures of the suspect that the latter allegedly took from the stolen phone.

When interrogated by police, Aldan denied stealing the cellphone, claiming that a friend sold him the iPhone.

noted that it was not adopting a "per se" ban on any contested request to travel to non-Hague Convention countries. Rather, it directed trial courts to permit the presentation of measures that ensure enforceability of and compliance with the custody order. Last, it instructed courts to consider all evidence from both parents, as well as further evidence upon the court's own motion, in order to determine the child's best interests.

The Supreme Court's opinion is available at <http://www.cnmi-law.org/supreme15.html>. (NMI Judiciary)

When asked for comments yesterday, Hasselback said he is currently in talks with the opposing counsel, Stephen Nutting.

"We're trying to come up with a stipulated amount," Hasselback said.

He refused to comment further because of the ongoing discussion with Nutting.

Saipan Tribune also contacted Nutting yesterday for comments but his staff said the lawyer was busy at that time.

Last Aug. 18, Fitial, through Nutting, paid the \$6,000 fine and \$100 court assessment fee that the court imposed on him.

Fitial pleaded guilty on May 13 to misconduct in public office and conspiracy to commit theft of service as part of a plea deal.

Wiseman sentenced Fitial to one year in prison. The former

governor was supposed to start serving the prison term last

July 6, but Gov. Eloy S. Inos commuted the prison term.

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TALENTED STUDENTS

The fifth grade class at Sinapalo Elementary School went all out for the September PTA meeting, to show their parents and Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan how they interpret the Common Core Standards. The speaking and listening benchmark they worked on was to include multimedia components including sound and visual displays to add to the main idea of a poem. Actors, narrators, and drummers performed *Bringing the Rain To Kapiti Plain*, using simple props and authentic drums from Africa. Students had a lot of fun creating the production and enjoyed being able to add music into their Language Arts class.

PSS PHOTO

7 Saipan public schools to have full day classes

With only three schools that are without power, the Public School System will begin implementing extended full-day class sessions in seven of Saipan's public schools: two elementary schools, four middle schools and one high school.

Beginning Oct. 5, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, Chacha Oceanview Middle School, San Antonio Middle School, Dandan Middle School, Hopwood Junior High School, and Saipan Southern High School will have full day classes.

Oleai Elementary School will begin its full day schedule on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015.

Exactly two months ago today, Saipan's public schools suffered extensive damage resulting from the ferocious strength of Typhoon Soudelor, forcing school district officials to cancel the Aug. 24-scheduled early opening of the new school year.

"As all of our Saipan public school operations return to normal, it is critical that we continue to plan, prepare, and respond to the need of our public school students in ensuring that learning is not interrupted and they receive optimum

learning opportunities," Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan said.

"We remain committed by providing an engaging learning environment to ensure that each of our public school students receives quality education," she added.

By Oct. 5, Monday, William S. Reyes Elementary School will begin classes at 8am and dismissal will be at 3:30pm.

Koblerville Elementary School's classes will start at 7:30am and dismissal will be at 3:30pm.

For Chacha Oceanview Middle School, Dandan Middle School, San Antonio Middle School, and Hopwood Jr. High School middle schools on Saipan, class sessions will commence at 8am and dismissal will be at 3:30pm.

Saipan Southern High School will begin class session at 8:15am and dismissal will be at 3:45pm.

Revised schedules for the remaining Saipan public schools will be made in the future. For further information, visit www.cnmpss.org or call the respective public school or email the school principal. (PSS)

Food stamps released on time

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REPORTER

There were no delays in the distribution of food stamps in the CNMI as the local government was able to receive authorization to release them.

As early as past 8am yesterday, the authorization was received for the issuance of benefits this month.

"The Office of the Governor through the DCCA Nutrition Assistance Program received at 8:13 this morning via email message that the National Office has authorized the CNMI NAP program to operate and issue benefits as of Oct. 1," a statement from the administration said yesterday.

Following the authorization, the issuance of food stamps to households promptly began the same day.

Since there was no delay, NAP followed its original schedule. Yesterday, households beginning with letters D to L were scheduled. Today, households M to R will be able to claim food stamps, followed by S to Z on Monday and A to C on Tuesday.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, is designated as open day.

Prior to the authorization to release, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service Office on Wednesday directed states to hold the October issuance of NAP benefits due to the uncertainty in the federal budget.

The federal government yesterday avoided a shutdown following the passage of a stopgap bill in Congress that was subsequently signed into law by President Barack Obama. This law will finance the government until Dec. 11.

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Revised School Schedules

As the PSS continues to make progress with its recovery efforts following Typhoon Soudelor, we have revised some of our school schedules to begin transitioning to a full-day class session.

Beginning October 5, 2015, the following schools will have extended full day class sessions:

William S. Reyes Elementary School
Koblerville Elementary School
Chacha Oceanview Middle School
San Antonio Middle School

Dandan Middle School
Hopwood Junior High School
Saipan Southern High School

New Hours

Elementary School

8:00 a.m. for elementary and dismissal 3:30 p.m. • 8:00 a.m. for middle school and dismissal 3:30 p.m.

Middle Schools

High Schools

8:15 a.m. for high school and dismissal 3:45 p.m.

WSR Elementary School

7:30 a.m. and dismissal 3:30 p.m.

Oleai Elementary School (Extended hours will begin on October 13, 2015)

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Poker operator settles security guard's discrimination lawsuit

A poker operator has entered into a confidential settlement agreement with a security guard who filed a discrimination lawsuit over his alleged termination from his job because of a complaint he made to the U.S. Department of Labor for illegal deductions on his wages.

Attorney Colin M. Thompson, counsel for guard Edward Iriarte, and attorney Stephen N. Nutting, counsel for D.K.K. Inc. and its principals, Hong Kyun Kim and Kyoum Min Oh, have requested the federal court to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice, which means the matter cannot be re-opened.

Thompson and Nutting said the parties reached a confidential settlement agreement, including "all claims and defenses that have been brought or could have been brought, with each party to bear their own attorney's fees and costs."

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona approved the dismissal of the case but retained jurisdiction to enforce the settlement agreement.

Iriarte sued D.K.K. Inc., owner of Dollar Poker II, and Kim and Oh, for retaliation and discrimination based on race and national origin.

Iriarte asked the court to order the defendants to pay him an unspecified amount of back pay with prejudgment interest, front pay, compensation, damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Iriarte went to the U.S. Labor Department on May 28, 2013, to notify it that the defendants were making illegal deductions on employees' wages, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Iriarte said he was terminated from his job on June 13, 2013. The defendants denied the allegations. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



WINNING PHOTO

Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc.'s Hashtag Choose My Picture winning photo No. 20 is from Facebooker Glenna Palacios Reyes with caption "BarrowQ in progress." Winner will be entitled to a free pizza. Pacifica welcomes anyone from the CNMI to tag an infinite amount of photos and videos through Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter the following in order to be eligible: #choosemypicture or #choosemyvideo; #pacificainsurance and #restassured. For further details log on to www.pacificains.com/choosemypicture. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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NMHC

Interior provides \$584K to aid typhoon recovery

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina has approved \$584,000 for the CNMI government as the community continues to recover from Typhoon Soudebor, which hit the CNMI on Aug. 2. The Assistant Secretary will also visit Saipan and Tinian next week to survey relief efforts in the aftermath of the typhoon and discuss hazard mitigation plans with CNMI leadership.

While the territory is eligible for disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies under Presidential Disaster Declaration (DR-4235), funding is still necessary to help the CNMI resume normal operations and cover unmet needs not specifically eligible for assistance under federal disaster programs.

"We are pleased to support the work of our federal partners on the ground as we work together to support Gov. Eloy Inos and the people of the Northern Marianas," said Kia'aina. "FEMA, in partnership with the Governor's Office, has done a great job of coordinating federal relief efforts during this difficult time. I appreciate and commend FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Coast Guard, Agriculture, Commerce,

Defense, Education, Energy, EPA, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, the Small Business Administration, and Transportation agencies, as well as the many non-government organizations, including the Red Cross, and neighboring island governments who have lent generous assistance."

» **Kia'aina to survey typhoon relief efforts and discuss natural disaster mitigation plans with leadership**

While in the territory next week, Kia'aina will be briefed by FEMA and the governor's Emergency Management team on the status of typhoon recovery, hazard mitigation efforts and planning, including hardening of public infrastructure. She will also meet with various CNMI leaders including the governor and members of the Legislature. Lastly, she will survey some of the hardest hit residential areas, including most affected public facilities such as the utilities, the hospital, schools and the Northern Marianas College.

The assistant secretary will also travel to Tinian to meet with Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas and survey capital improvement projects and infrastructure on Tinian.

All ports and the hospital on Saipan are in full operation; however, efforts to bring back full power and water distribution to all households on Saipan are still ongoing. (OIA)

Jeanette Palad is BoG's newest VP

HAGATNA, Guam—Bank of Guam announced yesterday that Jeanette Fernandez Palad has been promoted to vice president, Credit and Debit Card Services manager, Card Services Division.

Palad, a 25-year veteran, began as a bookkeeper, rising to operations clerk and officer, central operations at the bank's

headquarters. She joined the Business Services Division in 2005 as an officer, rose to assistant manager of the division before assuming her present responsibilities.

A 1990 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Palad has taken numerous banking courses, and recently completed the Visa Business School. (BoG)

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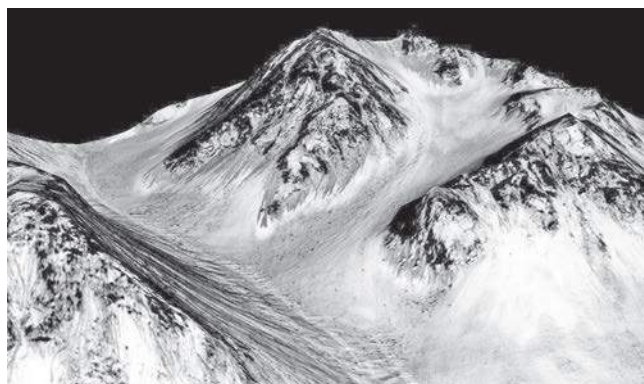
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Evidence of liquid water boosts hopes of life there



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This undated photo provided by NASA and taken by an instrument aboard the agency's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter shows dark, narrow, 100 meter-long streaks on the surface of Mars that scientists believe were caused by flowing streams of salty water.

During a morning press conference this week NASA announced that, using spectral analysis, the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter detected what scientists believe to be definitive signs of liquid water on Mars.

No, the orbiter didn't detect water flowing through mythical "canals" once thought to be crisscrossing the red planet's surface. The announcement sounds borderline unsexy when laid out scientifically.

NASA now believes that what it calls "recurring slope lineae," the dark streaks that run downhill on the sides of craters and other vertical topography during the Martian summer, are evidence that liquid water exists just beneath the planet's surface.

This is a big deal because the presence of liquid water is arguably the most necessary element for the evolution of life as we know it. The water on Mars is believed to be briny and far saltier than any on Earth. It isn't drinkable and would be toxic to bacterial life from Earth, but it may have harbored Martian single cell life at one time. It may currently be the home of life that has adapted to its harsh chemistry.

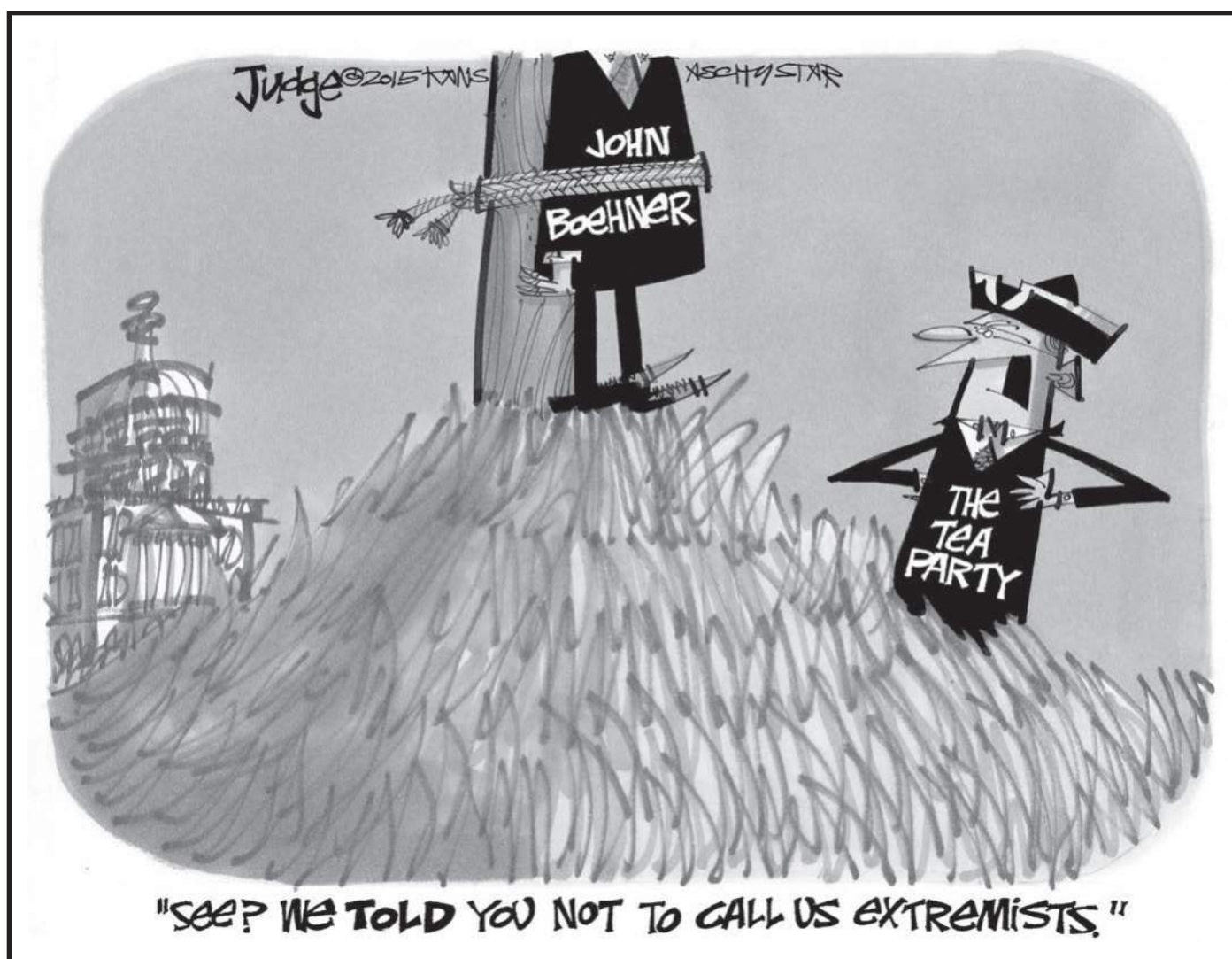
NASA's scientists are confident that what they're describing as seepage on the surface is evidence of subsurface reservoirs and rivers. Theories are already starting to circulate about what Mars may have been like 3.5 billion years ago and when it was covered with oceans.

There's a hope that where rivers and oceans once existed on Mars, there may be evidence of long dead bacterial life as well.

The presence of water beneath the surface could also mean we're on the verge of discovering life on another planet.

This tantalizing possibility is all the more reason for NASA to proceed with more robotic missions to Mars in preparation for manned missions in the 2020s and 2030s. This is the most exciting news about Mars in a very long time.

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A pope for all season

Pope Francis' contagious smile went on display in America late September. Greeted by President Obama at Andrews on the 22nd and welcomed to Washington, D.C.'s White House the following day, the pope's open side popemobile conveyed the pontiff every mile on land, including a parade to the Ellipse and National Mall from the WH, a contrast to the enclosed bulletproof "beast" of predecessor Pope Benedict XVI.

Francis earlier swept through Cuba, charming but chiding Fidel's communist program, then AA's Shepherd One took over from Alitalia for the rest of the journey on U.S. air space. He conferred with the U.S. bishops at St. Matthews Cathedral before Junipero Serra got canonized in Washington's Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Serra brought the cross to California in the 18th century; sensationalist media harped on the Europeans displacing Native Americans.

Thursday, Sept. 24, saw Francis at Capitol Hill before a joint session of Congress where not only did he made a point on climate change but also zeroed in on capital punishment, the cause of the poor, and the current focus on immigration, then stopped at St. Maria's Meals in D.C.'s St. Patrick's Church where he elbowed with the less fortunate before he returned to NYC's JFK and held prayers at the more famous St. Patrick's Cathedral.

At the 70th anniversary of the UN General Assembly on NYC's eastside, Pope Francis reminded, nay, reproached world leaders of their role in the welfare of humanity and the planet, caricaturing a "selfish and boundless thirst for power and material prosperity" of its audience. He joined a multi-religious service at the 9/11 Memorial Museum with a rabbi and an imam before leading a procession through Central Park, held Mass at Madison Square Garden, sat on a chair built by immigrant laborers. He proved himself to be a real people's pope!

On Saturday, Sept. 26, Francis flew to Philadelphia and held Mass at the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul, visiting the birthplace of U.S. democracy, home to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were signed. The evening saw him at prayer in a Festival of Families on Ben Franklin Parkway where gospel singer Aretha Franklin, a daughter of an itinerant Baptist preacher, serenaded the beatific pontiff with a soulful rendition of *Amazing Grace*.

Sunday, he met with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, visited with correctional inmates before he officiated an open Mass where the crowd fell silent and knelt a mile away when the pope consecrated the elements; folks endured security checks to partake on what was felt to be a momentous event, a fitting highlight of his trip. Then the pontiff headed back to AA's Shepherd One for the return to Rome.

By **JAIME VERGARA**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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One would think that an ex-Protestant cleric more familiar with the 1517 disputations nailed at Saxony's Wittenberg would have a hard time getting "saints" names straight. Growing up in the Philippines where my father's family was Methodist and my maternal relation Roman Catholic, I am not unfamiliar with the breadth, width and height of the Rock-of-Peter tradition. I welcomed the pontiff's visit as fresh air, though critics were quick to dub Francis as Obama's pope, presumably meant to bring the pope a notch down since "Obummer" is Internet's favorite whipping boy!

Critique on what the pope failed to do rather than what he did abounded. But choosing a popemobile with the open side was a demonstration of Francis' incredible trust in the public, confident that no crazy would burst out a spurt of lead with an AK 47 or an M16 assault weapon readily available at area gun shops. There was no guarantee on security (the pope tolerated what was offered) and Pope Francis' deft touch contributed to the absence of any untoward incident in an increasingly violent America.

Comments on the central office function of the pope in a 102-acre "territory" to a mass of faithful across the planet is a live item in our agenda to pursue.

For now, as one who stepped out from the best of Christian Resurgence Circles to shake off theological metaphors of eternal faithfulness couched in Ptolemaic cosmology, replacing it with a temporal but transcendent model of profound humanness, we are delighted with the pope's visit as a momentary relief from an America growing ridiculously petty and hostile in its economic, political, and cultural life.

The visit is a call for intense effort to stand present to the individual and communal realities of our time. In little Saipan, reeling from Typhoon Soudelor's recent call, I am conscious that next-door China of our easy access, and far off America of our tenuous political connection, remain key players.

The pope's moral power behind his simple humanity from a stamp-sized geography with fancy Swiss Guards holding lances and wearing swords, and a population of less than 500, leaves us with nothing but hope.

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On the linguistic party bus

Now that the back-to-school season has settled into its new dorm, I'm going to take an academic concept and drag it into a more practical, hands-on context.

As the for the academic part, I recently wrote about the so-called "80/20" rule, which is often called the Pareto principle, named for economist Vilfredo Pareto. More to the point, I also mentioned another scholar, linguist George Zipf. Zipf noted that the most commonly used word in a language is used about twice as often as the second most commonly used word is. The second most commonly used word is used about twice as often the third most commonly used word is. And so on. It's not exactly winner-take-all for the popular words, but it's still a very skewed, top-heavy distribution.

Zipf later applied his observation to other fields, including economics, as a matter of fact. Hey, can't let Pareto have all the fun! But let's stick with the linguistic origins of Zipf's gig. Since no two words in a language are of equal importance (as measured by frequency), it's natural for students of a language to wonder if this fact can be used to their advantage.

The strategy, of course, would be to learn words in their order of importance.

I'm sure many linguists have studied this angle. Me, I'm just a guy in a beach chair, but I'm always looking for a short cut, so I'll share my experience with this concept.

We'll start on home turf, and note that you can easily look up word frequency lists for English. Of course, the data behind these lists will be from various sources and contexts, but let's ignore that for now and just note the most commonly used 10 words as listed at the World-English.org website.

The words are: the, of, to, and, a, in, is, it, you, that.

The word "side" is No. 97 in frequency, while the word "yes" is way down the list at No. 486.

These kinds of lists are fascinating, since, to me at least, they're often counter-intuitive. If you look at it with a student's eye, most of us studying a new language would learn to say "yes" in our first day or two of class, while something like "side," on the other hand, might be a semester or two down the road.

The overall picture, to me, at least, is that the notion of building a vocabulary based strictly on statistical frequency might be more elegant in theory than in reality. That's not a flaw in the lists, of course, since the lists have all sorts of purposes, and we impose our agenda on them, and even misuse them, at our own risk.

Indeed, anybody publishing data is up against the unfortunate fact that if you point to the moon, people will just look at your finger.

Anyway, moving into more exotic linguistic fare, it won't surprise you that some scholars have built impressively-detailed frequency lists of Chinese characters. It also won't surprise you that many students of Chinese are interested in anything that can improve their studying efficiency. I don't know anyone who has learned Chinese based on a brute-force approach to memorizing characters by frequency of use, but I'm sure that somebody has done it.

As for me, having dabbled with Chinese for a few years, I've found that the only way I can remember anything is to use the lasso of association to herd related words into groups. This gives my feeble mind some conceptual hooks, some common themes, to aid in recall. Without this approach, things atomize into random points of data, and they are easily swept away, one grain at a time, by the

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winds of time.

Not good.

So this is where we grab the lasso and get on the word fraternity's party bus. Consider these words: nurse, passport, maintain, hair conditioner, naval escort, and cherish. Pretty random, right? I'd say so.

Yet in Chinese, these words are linguistically related to each other. Having learned one, it's a fairly easy step to just adopt the whole bunch of them, even if some of them don't seem like very high-priority words on their own.

As a result, whatever progress I've made has been lumpy, as I wobble down the street with these lopsided bags of vocabulary that I gathered. It's hardly the clean and efficient inventory of words I thought I'd build when I started looking into frequency lists.

Well, such is the difference between sitting in the planning room and actually serving in the trenches. Having escorted your attention to this condition, I hope that you'll maintain this passport to nursing your cherished learning.

Sorry, not as stupid...

China's President Xi Jinping shut down Macau's huge junket tour operators that included Hengsheng Group (directly under Imperial International Holdings Ltd., known locally as Best Sunshine).

Junket tours involve providing loans to wealthy Chinese gamblers such as property and company assets as collateral but in view of falling home prices and "squeeze on liquidity" most junket firms have been closed.

Now the group is looking at Saipan for its \$3-billion casino investment that entails an integrated resort. Interesting how the much-touted \$7 billion plan has been quietly reduced to \$3 billion. Would the project eventually materialize or peter out? The freewheeling switch in figures makes this project highly suspect, if anything! Is it \$3 billion or \$7 billion or none of the above?

By the way, I'm interested on BSI's integrated resort (if there's still a firm plan to move it forward). You see it would require more than just empty spouts here, there and everywhere! We must buckle down to figuring out how much is needed for the emplacement of basic infrastructure, e.g., water, power, roads, and sewer. Next: Do we have the CIP funds for it or is this alley as empty, forced by the mounting fiscal crisis at home?

Who said that an integrated resort is the answer to tourism development in the NMI? Whose view is this and why the convenient elimination of indigenous sentiment on this very important issue? Are we only cogs on a matter kicked about whimsically by people who think they could mute our sentiments at will with new slaves on imperial Capital Hill, you know, new slaves who'd bow to their every whim?

It's troubling how this (IR) could just as well replicate what has happened to other casinos in the northeastern part of the country (U.S.) where the promotion is one of building huge facilities. The plan fizzled out that included the shutter of several casinos. Are we trailing behind to replicate failure? Who says "bigger" is better?

Seoul in South Korea has recently approved an \$850 million integrated resort to be spread out into nine areas. How do we compete with SK on this score? I mean we haven't gone past the planning stage as other more fiscally suited competitors are already taking off on their IR plan.

You could chance spouting baseless threats against President Jinping but never forget for a moment that we also know how to read and breeze through critical analysis. Oh, we're not as dumb as we look! Eh, none of this condescending BS, please?

Loss of indigenous heritage

It feels hopelessly naked struggling to understand our people's complacency or acquiescence or both in the ruination of sacred ancestral burial ground in favor of casino gambling. I even dreamt it was just a rare nightmare. Unfortunately, it was reality!

I didn't know it's now an indigenous tool, sliding in and out of remembering and forgetting. We even include a critical look at the person if he's a donor or a party pooper.

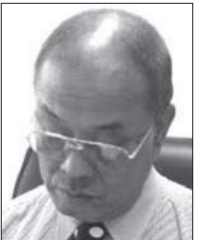
We watched helplessly too how the Historic Preservation Office disposed of the issue that seemed to have been left to drift on its own. It lacked decisive disposition from the outset that shows lack of commitment to protect what's indigenous ancestral history.

We hear so much about the rights of the indigenous people. Yet,

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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the element needed to push it through was dropped completely as though "we heard nothing, don't know anything, saw nothing!" We ignored and walked away from it! It is obvious we don't have any sense of "oneness" that would lead us to overcome repeating the same mistakes, time and again. Or is this faint commitment indigenous too? Maybe it is!

But why do we talk about indigenous rights when we ignore standing up in its defense? Isn't it from our cultural heritage that we teach our children the virtues and importance of traditional respect, obedience, attire, honesty, and dedication to themselves and their studies? Isn't it through our cultural heritage that we instill indigenous values and improvements in their learning abilities? Did you know that what they learn affects them for their whole lives as though it enters their bone marrow?

Need we pretend that our heritage was on the line? How come nobody heard it crashing right in our midst? But we heard the tingling sounds of dimes and quarters in the pockets of visitors standing nearby. And we quickly trashed our heritage in favor of quick games of chance.

This complete disregard for what's ours is a tale of how reckless we've become parting with a rich heritage that takes us back thousands of years. The loose disposition is really sad and very troubling too. Then what are we?

What now is the identity of the indigenous people? Can someone explain this in simple language for the benefit of posterity? Humiliating! Kau taigue esta i dignu na integredat espritun natibu giya hita?

Peace memorial: I admire our friends from the Land of the Rising Sun for organizing and building peace memorials in Marpi. The blessings of the projects were promptly celebrated with echoes for global peace messages in their expressions on each occasion.

I've been to Bikini, Rongelap and Utirik in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. I sat in the graves of islanders poisoned to death by radiation powder that fell upon their roofs when the A-Bomb was detonated in 1944. The strength of a single explosion literally erased an entire island larger than Managaha with nothing but a deep blue sinkhole downstairs.

For years since detonation they had to undergo annual medical check-up by the Atomic Energy Commission to see how far has serious issues developed with thyroid dysfunction. Returning home, I ask: When would my brothers and sisters ever embrace that quieting and calming sense of home again?

LOOK AT THAT FACE! BY JOE "FACE=PERSONA?" FOURNIER

CARLY FLORINA ON RECENT REMARKS
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE AND MALE CHAUVINIST PIG/MEGALOMANIAC DONALD TRUMP IS REPULSED BY THE IDEA OF ME AND MY FEMALE FACE BEING PRESIDENT.



TO THOSE WOMEN WHO ARE STILL SUPPORTING TRUMP, DO ME A FAVOR: LOOK IN THE NEAREST MIRROR AND ASK YOURSELF,








"WOULD A PRESIDENT WITH SUCH OBVIOUS CONTEMPT FOR WOMEN REALLY TAKE CARE OF THAT FACE?"

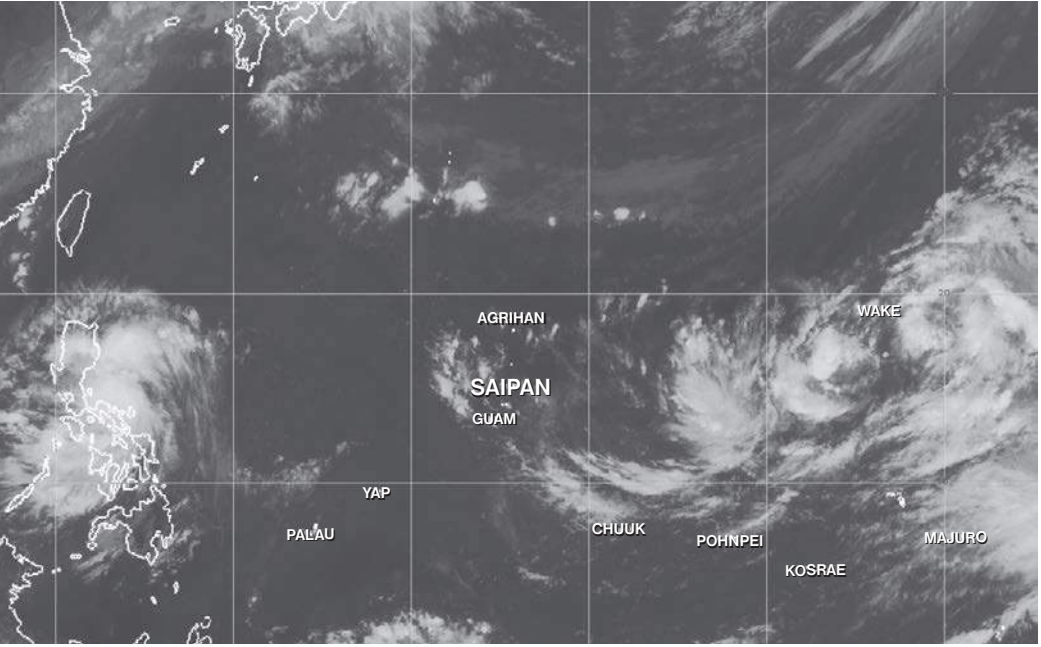


The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° | ▲88° ▼77° |

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward from near the Marianas at 15N144E to 15N160E then curves through a broad circulation centered south of Wake Island near 16N167E to beyond the date line at 14n. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of Saipan are within 30 miles of a line from 17N144E to 15N145E and north of Chuuk and Pohnpei between 8N and 11N from 148E to 158E. Numerous showers and thunderstorms are between 12N and 16N from 156E to 161E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are mainly between 12N and 23N from 162E to 178E. Surging southwest monsoon winds are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northeast of Majuro and Butaritari to the east of a line from 15N178E to 11N171E to 3N176E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Yap along the equator south of 2N from 136E to 145E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

| Micronesia | | | |
|---------------|---------------|-----|-----|
| Guam And Rota | Partly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Palau | Partly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Yap | Mostly Cloudy | ▲87 | ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Mostly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼78 |
| Pohnpei | Partly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼77 |
| Kosrae | Partly Cloudy | ▲89 | ▼77 |
| Majuro | Mostly Cloudy | ▲88 | ▼78 |

| Around the Globe | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----|-----|
| Auckland | Fair | ▲63 | ▼46 |
| Beijing | Fair | ▲70 | ▼53 |
| Hong Kong | Fair | ▲91 | ▼72 |
| Honolulu | Mostly Cloudy | ▲80 | ▼68 |
| London | Clear | ▲51 | ▼47 |
| Los Angeles | Clear | ▲74 | ▼60 |
| Manila | Mostly Cloudy | ▲86 | ▼81 |
| Melbourne | Fair | ▲72 | ▼41 |
| Miami | Mostly Cloudy | ▲80 | ▼76 |
| New York | Cloudy | ▲61 | ▼53 |
| Osaka | Light Rain | ▲72 | ▼63 |
| Paris | Sunny | ▲48 | ▼39 |
| Busan | Light Rain | ▲79 | ▼72 |
| Rome | Rain | ▲59 | ▼55 |
| Salem | Clear | ▲54 | ▼49 |
| San Francisco | Mostly Cloudy | ▲61 | ▼57 |
| Seoul | Cloudy | ▲66 | ▼63 |
| Tokyo | Light Rain | ▲70 | ▼63 |
| Washington, DC | Cloudy | ▲62 | ▼56 |



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| Tides | | | |
|---------------|-------|------------|-----------|
| Saipan Harbor | | | |
| 5:35 AM | Today | Low Tide: | -0.2 Feet |
| 12:10 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 6:02 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.9 Feet |
| 11:14 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |

| Sunrise/Sunset | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Today | 6:07 AM | 6:06 PM |
| Saturday | 6:07 AM | 6:05 PM |
| Sunday | 6:07 AM | 6:05 PM |
| Monday | 6:07 AM | 6:04 PM |
| Tuesday | 6:07 AM | 6:03 PM |

| Moonrise/Moonset | | |
|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Today | 9:48 PM | 9:57 AM |
| Saturday | 10:42 PM | 10:55 AM |
| Sunday | 11:36 PM | 11:51 AMM |
| Monday | - | 12:42 PM |
| Tuesday | 12:29 AM | 1:31 PM |

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 2, 2015

| DEPARTURES | | | |
|------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------|
| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) | | | |
| UA5070 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily |
| UA5068 | 8:00am | 8:50am | 3 |
| UA5068 | 8:40am | 9:30am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 2:20pm | 4:00pm | 6, 7 via Rota |
| UA5078 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5038 | 3:10pm | 4:00pm | 2, 4 |
| UA5040 | 6:55pm | 7:45pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5078 | 8:35pm | 9:25pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5044 | 10:40pm | 11:30pm | 1, 5 |
| SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP) | | | |
| UA5039 | 2:20pm | 2:55pm | 6, 7 |
| ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM) | | | |
| UA5039 | 3:25pm | 4:00pm | 6, 7 |
| SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR) | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 1:05am+1 | 2, 6 via NRT |
| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) | | | |
| DL287 | 6:05am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 6 |
| DL297 | 4:30pm | 7:15pm | Daily |
| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) | | | |
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ6063 | 2:25am | 6:00am | 3, 4, 6 |
| OZ626 | 3:20am | 7:00am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:35am | 8:20am | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 5:25am | 9:10am | 4, 5 |
| 7C3401 | 3:15pm | 7:35pm | 3, 5, 6 |
| 7C3401 | 4:20pm | 8:05pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 |
| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) | | | |
| OZ608 | 3:10am | 6:20am | 4, 7 |
| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) | | | |
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:40am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK) | | | |
| MU764 | 1:30am | 5:30am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) | | | |
| 3U8646 | 4:20am | 7:30am | 2, 6 |
| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) | | | |
| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ6063/701 | 2:25am | 11:05am | 3, 4, 6 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 3:20am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/191 | 4:15am | 8:55am | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5070/PR111 | 4:15am | 9:20am | Daily via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5070/183 | 4:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| DL287/275 | 6:05am | 9:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT |
| UA5068/183 | 8:00am | 9:10pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA5068/183 | 8:40am | 9:10pm | 1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA5039/183 | 2:20pm | 9:10pm | 6, 7 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 2 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 8:50pm | 5 via GUM |
| UA5078/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 1 via GUM |
| UA5038/183 | 3:10pm | 9:10pm | 4 via GUM |

| ARRIVALS | | | |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
| GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA5069 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA5071 | 6:40am | 7:30am | 3 |
| UA5071 | 7:15am | 8:05am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| UA5039 | 1:00pm | 1:50pm | 6, 7 |
| UA5038 | 1:00pm | 2:35pm | 2, 4 via Rota |
| UA5077 | 1:50pm | 2:40pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5041 | 5:35pm | 6:25pm | 1, 5 |
| UA5077 | 7:15pm | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA5043 | 9:20pm | 10:10pm | 1, 5 |
| GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP) | | | |
| UA5038 | 1:00pm | 1:35pm | 2, 4 |
| ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA5038 | 2:05pm | 2:40pm | 2, 4 |
| PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN | | | |
| DL298 | 4:30am | 2:55pm | 3, 7 via NRT |
| NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN | | | |
| DL298 | 10:25am | 2:55pm | Daily |
| DL288 | 8:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 3, 4, 5, 7 |
| SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN | | | |
| 7C3402 | 8:45am | 2:15pm | 3, 5, 6 |
| 7C3402 | 9:30am | 3:20pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ6053 | 7:55pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 |
| OZ625 | 8:20pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |
| BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN | | | |
| OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 6 |
| SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN | | | |
| 3U8647 | 10:40pm | 5:00am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN | | | |
| MU763 | 4:30pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN | | | |
| 3U8645 | 7:40pm | 3:00am+1 | 1, 5 |
| MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN | | | |
| DL276/288 | 9:30am | 1:25am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT |
| UA190/5077 | 9:55am | 8:05pm | 2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/6053 | 12:15pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| PR110/UA5071 | 10:05pm | 7:30am+1 | 3 via GUM |
| PR110/UA5071 | 10:05pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 10:25pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5039 | 10:25pm | 1:50pm+1 | 6 via GUM |
| UA184/5038 | 10:25pm | 2:40pm+1 | 1, 3 via GUM-Rota |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 2:40pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5041 | 10:25pm | 6:25pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 10:25pm | 8:05pm+1 | 1, 3, 6 via GUM |
| UA184/5043 | 10:25pm | 10:10pm+1 | 4, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 7:30am+1 | 2 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 8:05am+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5071 | 11:30pm | 1:50pm+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA184/5077 | 11:30pm | 8:05pm+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

| SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG) | | | |
|------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ6063 | 2:25am | 6:00am | 3, 4, 6 |
| OZ626 | 3:20am | 7:00am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ6063/721 | 2:25am | 11:50am | 3, 4, 6 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 3:20am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA5070/179 | 4:15am | 9:55pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:00am | 9:55pm | 3 via GUM |
| UA5068/179 | 8:40am | 9:55pm | 1, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA5039/179 | 2:20pm | 9:55pm | 6 via Rota-GUM |
| UA5078/179 | 3:10pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via GUM |

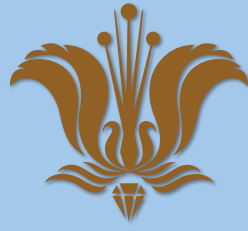
| HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN | | | |
|------------------------|--------|----------|--------------------------|
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/6053 | 1:10pm | 1:25am+1 | 2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA180/5071 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |
| UA180/5039 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 5 via GUM |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 2:35pm+1 | 1, 3 via GUM-Rota |
| UA180/5077 | 9:55pm | 8:05pm+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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|------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
| 6:30AM | 6:45AM | Mon, Tue,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat | 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Daily | 7:45AM | 8:15AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| | | | 8:00AM | 8:15AM | Daily | | | |
| | | | 9:00AM | 9:15AM | Daily | 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 7:30AM | 7:45AM | Daily | 10:00AM | 10:15AM | Daily | | | |
| 8:30AM | 8:45AM | Daily | 11:00AM | 11:15AM | Daily | | | |
| 9:30AM | 9:45AM | Daily | 12:00NN | 12:15NN | Daily | | | |
| 10:30AM | 10:45AM | Daily | 1:00PM | 1:15PM | Daily | | | |
| 11:30AM | 11:45AM | Daily | 2:00PM | 2:15PM | Daily | | | |
| 12:30NN | 12:45NN | Daily | 3:00PM | 3:15PM | Daily | | | |
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| 4:30PM | 4:45PM | Daily | | | | | | |
| 5:30PM | 5:45PM | Daily | | | | | | |
| 6:30PM | 6:45PM | Daily | | | | | | |

| ROTA TO SAIPAN | | |
|----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
| 8:30AM | 9:00AM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |
| 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat |

**BEST SUNSHINE LIVE**

太平洋娛樂

“weRcnmi”

An Open Photography Competition

We, as a community, have an incredible spirit and the tenacity to move past difficulties and embrace the future.

It has been nearly two months after typhoon Soudelor left unimaginable destruction to our island paradise, but what continues to stand out is our unshakeable resolve to survive and our capacity to recover quickly from disasters. This characterizes our resiliency and collective spirit as one community.

Best Sunshine International is launching “weRcnmi”—an open photography competition, from the week of September 30 through October 7, 2015. Help us at Best Sunshine International to highlight our stories of resiliency, of survival and of heroic deeds, by joining this open competition.

Through your photo entries /submissions we are preserving our collective spirit that captures the stories of survival, of recovery and of those who selflessly helped others, even if they themselves were victims of typhoon Soudelor.

We invite everyone to join this competition and take a shot at the prize awaiting selected winning photos:

1st Prize: \$2,000
2nd Prize: \$1,000
3rd Prize: \$500

10 Consolation Prizes of \$100 each will be awarded.

Criteria:

- Clear photo(s) for a maximum of two (2) entries. Taken from either digital camera or phone
- Title
- Bite-size caption to describe entry
- Name/contact information
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Volunteer retired judge to help with the creation of drug court

A volunteer retired judge is on island to help the CNMI in establishing its own drug court.

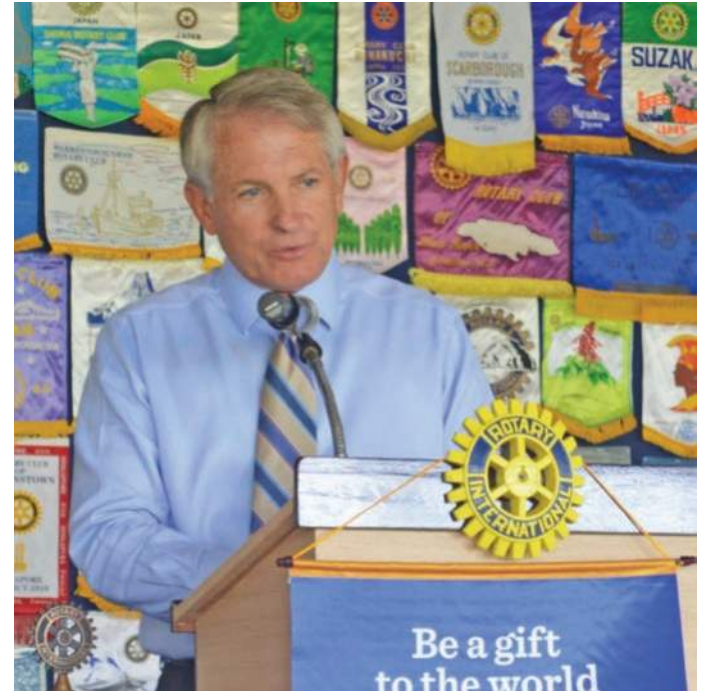
Retired judge Steve Hansen will be on Saipan for six months and will be working with Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman.

"I've come on an assignment from my church as a volunteer. The Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints send retired judges to various parts of the world to help with the judicial system wherever they're needed. We're here as volunteers," Hansen said during last Tuesday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting, where he served as guest speaker.

Hansen is from Utah where he helped establish two drug courts.

"In drug courts, judges take on an entirely different role. They become part of the treatment team. The judge rolls up his sleeves, he gets off the bench, he gets down with the people, he meets with the treatment team every week. They discuss how each person did during the week and what they can do to progress during the week as well," Hansen said.

He said that drug courts work and it is backed by science. "This isn't just some program that we've come up with out of the blue, that we're experimenting with. This is a program



FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA

Retired judge Steve Hansen speaks to members of the Saipan Rotary Club to explain the benefits of having a local drug court. Hansen will be on Saipan for six months and will be working with Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman.

that's been proven, established and it works throughout the United States."

He noted that the community's continued support is also vitally important.

Drug courts were started 20 years ago and there are now over 3,000 in the United States. It is considered as one of the most effective way in the criminal justice

system in dealing with drug abuse and criminal behavior.

"It's time for Saipan to have the blessings and benefits of this wonderful program. You have a beautiful island here, it's a paradise," Hansen said.

He said the benefits of a drug court may be seen in the next year or two after it is established. (Frauline S. Villanueva)



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WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD @ 6:00 AM & REGISTRATION @ 5:00 AM

Raffle prizes to be drawn after the event. Registration forms are available at JP Center, Century Hotel and Shirley's Coffee Shop.

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One of the things that Typhoon Soudelor has made us realize is how essential water is, especially for drinking. In the midst of all the hardship of getting safe and clean drinking water after the typhoon, among those that could be relied upon was Saipan Ice and Water Company.

According to company president Andrew Morishige, they were able to produce water right away after the typhoon, not only because they have a generator but because Saipan Ice has its own deep water well. Aside from providing much needed water, Saipan Ice also provided discounted water for charitable organizations.

This reliable service—one that is always ready for the community—is one that Saipan Ice has always striven to give Saipan in the last 30 years and beyond.

The company just marked three decades in the business last Sept. 5 but, instead of a glamorous celebration to highlight this very significant milestone, Saipan Ice opted for a quiet employee honorarium.

"We were too busy to close

for a celebration. We have to help the community. It's the customers first," Morishige said.

Since being established in the CNMI, Saipan Ice continues to provide "the best drinking water possible" through a process that they've refined over the decades.

Their purification process starts with their deep protected well and rain water. It is disinfected as source water and goes through a series of purifications such as a charcoal and multi-media filtration process, and from there through their reverse osmosis system. The water then goes through UV Light purification as double disinfection and as a final step immediately before being bottled.

Saipan Ice is also the only company on island that makes its own water bottles on site, while the bottling process itself is entirely automated. They also make their own labels and can make customized ones for anniversaries, birthdays, various celebrations, and corporate affairs.

The company's onsite chemist also performs daily water testing such as daily coliform testing, bacteria testing, chlo-



Saipan Ice and Water Company president Andrew Morishige and marketing director Regina Morishige, leftmost, are joined by company employees to celebrate the company's 30th anniversary. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

rine residual testing, total dissolved solids (TDS) testing and taste/smell testing.

Although some would say it's just water, there is a specific taste that immediately tells you the quality of the water.

"It should taste clean and pure. It shouldn't have a long aftertaste. It shouldn't be salty," Morishige said.

Saipan Ice is also certified by the U.S. military and all their products are FDA-registered.

Marketing director Regina Morishige said their quality standards are the primary driver of their business model—standards first before anything else.

"I think the quality standards that we've always kept and the mission to provide Saipan with the best drinking water pos-

sible is what has kept Saipan Ice going for the past 30 years and will continue to keep it going beyond that. With that mission, we're always looking at ways to improve and make sure quality is at the highest level possible at all times," Regina Morishige said.

Among the newer things they've done is increase their production of small water bottles.

"We continue to process our water the same. But we have made improvements to increase our production. We've increased our small bottle machinery so that we can produce more small bottles," she said.

Saipan Ice noted that there has been a shift in the water buying habits of some customers

who used to buy imported water. Now, they buy them locally through Saipan Ice, which then benefits the island's economy.

"We've been steadily growing the last two years. New jobs are being created," Andrew Morishige said. "We've actually grown by at least 10 people. It always translates to more jobs."

Despite this, Andrew Morishige said it is never their only goal to just increase sales.

"We've acquired more trust; we earned the trust of more people so our sales go up. It's never a goal to just increase sales. It's a goal to serve customers right," he said.

Andrew Morishige is proud of the company and he believes Saipan Ice will be

around for another 30 years and beyond.

"[Our greatest achievement is] that we've continued the legacy that my grandfather, founder Tony Pellegrino, started—to earn trust by giving good customer service and quality products. We haven't reinvented the wheel. We just honed in on the best practices that he set forth. We'll never stop improving," he said.

Saipan Ice & Water would also like to thank all other local water companies as well as the community as a whole for their cooperation to best serve everyone throughout the recovery after Typhoon Soudelor.

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Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is soliciting proposals for the Bookkeeping/Accounting Services beginning fiscal year 2016. NMPASI is the designated, federally funded protection and advocacy system for persons with disabilities in the CNMI. NMPASI uses a variety of individual and systems advocacy approaches to protect people's right, including legal and administrative remedies, legislative, policy change and trainings. Proposals for the Bookkeeping/Accounting services shall be submitted to NMPASI, P.O. Box 503529, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than October 23, 2015.

The services shall be performed in compliance with the General Requirements Applicable to Federal Financial Assistance Programs including but not limited to 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards).

Award will be based on specific factors such as prior experience, technical competence, ability to meet the deadline and price in this order. The contract for this service will be awarded no later than November 6, 2015. A list of specific requirements and Agency's profile are available at NMPASI office, Gualo Rai. Any questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Mr. James Rayphand, Executive Director at Tel. No 235-7274/7273 or Email address: jrayphand@nmpasi.org.



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The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority successfully procured four mobility-equipped vans in the first part of August this year.

COTA awarded \$678,228 DOT grant

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority under the Office of the Governor announced that its application for the fiscal

year 2015 Rural Area Formula Grant has been approved and awarded \$678,228 through the Federal Transit Administration Region IX Office, U.S. Department of Transportation. These funds will be used to provide the operating assistance and program administration funds for COTA to continue to develop the Fixed-Flex Route and Para-transit service, which the program currently operates.

Alfreda P. Camacho, special assistant for public transportation, is currently restructuring the agency to revitalize the organizational outlay and project goals and objectives to be able to serve the CNMI community.

"My priority is to ensure that [COTA] moves forward with purpose and the drive to improve on the current services while actively securing other resources to help expand and develop this program," she said. "It is apparent that public transportation is a need for our people to connect into the community. One of our goals here at COTA is work closely with

our legislators, the private sector, and community members so we can unite toward developing a practical and sustainable public transportation system for our islands to benefit from. This is somewhat a new concept which will not happen overnight but I am hopeful because of the outpour[ing] of support we have been shown thus far."

With just under three months at her post, Camacho and her team have been able to successfully procure four mobility-equipped vans in the first part of August of this year.

"These vans could not have come in at a better time without the guidance from Gov. [Eloy S.] Inos and Lt. Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres. COTA has been able to serve and collaborate with government agencies, FEMA, and the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts to assist with transportation needs during the disaster relief recovery efforts caused by Typhoon Soudelor," said Camacho. (COTA)

Typhoon relief event with special guest Sumo Wrestlers from Japan



*From Tomozuna Beya, special Sumo Wrestler guest chefs to present Chankohot pot soup and Onigiri (rice balls) to family and children ages 2 to 12.

*For recovery efforts of Typhoon Soudelor and for family fun and community event.

*Complimentary tickets are available at Hyatt Regency Saipan front desk, Kinpachi Restaurant, Himawari and Fiesta Resort & Spa World Cafe.

*Event made possible by Mr. Chiaki Nagumo, Mariana Tourism Ambassador and Chairman of the Japan Saipan Cultural Exchange Association.

*In collaboration with Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kinpachi Restaurant, Himawari and Fiesta Resort & Spa.

DATE: October 3, 2015 (Saturday)
TIME: 1st Session 12pm~1:30pm
2nd Session 3pm~4:30pm
(300pax each session)

Venue: Hyatt Regency Saipan,
Beach and Garden area
Guests: Kyokutenho (旭天鵬)
Asahisho (旭日松)
Kainowaka (魁ノ若)



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting next Wednesday

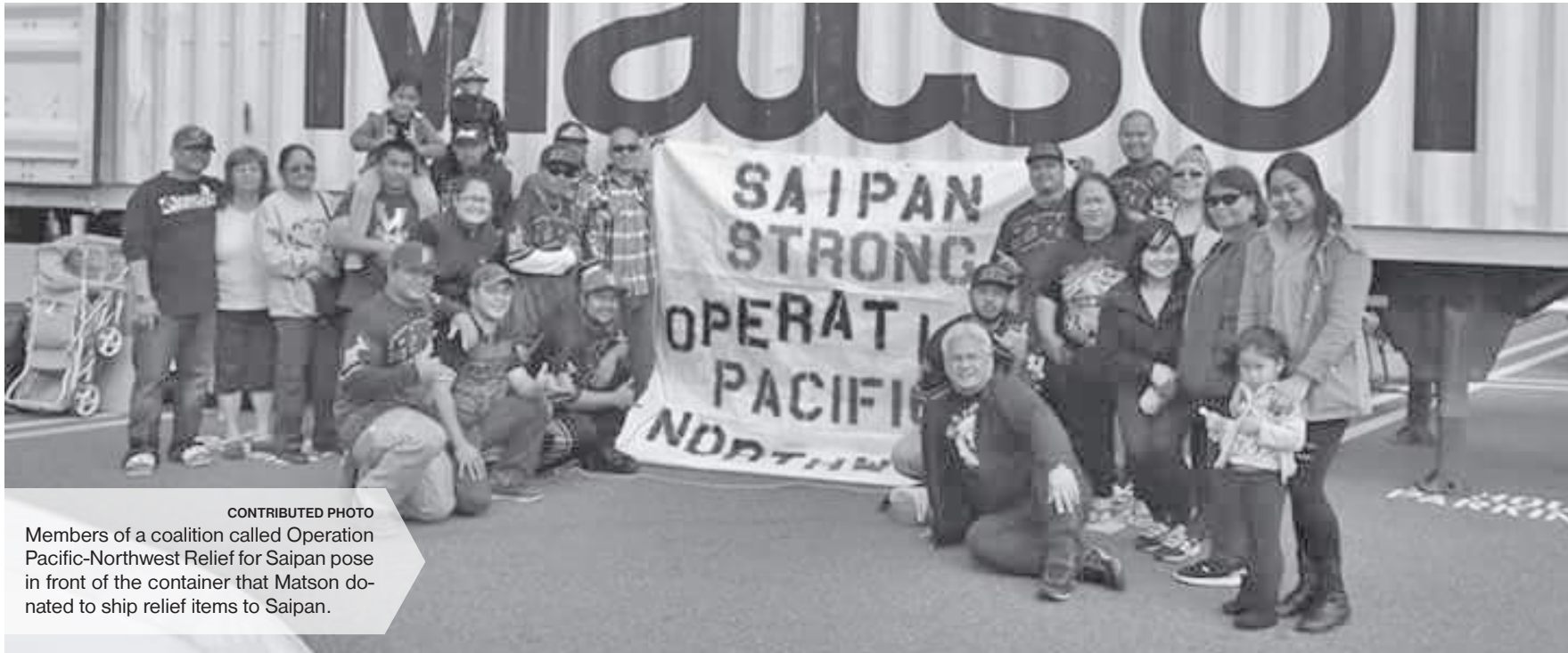
The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be holding its October general membership meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Seaside Hall of Kanoa Resort. Speakers will include the Department of Public Works, FEMA (Private Affairs Liaison and Mitigation Branch Director), and a representative from CNMI CARE. Luncheon will commence at 11:30am and the

meeting will begin promptly at noon. (SCC)

Typhoon relief distribution at Kagman church

The Kagman Community Church and Church 360 will be handing out supplies for people in need at Kagman Community Church this Saturday, Oct. 3, from noon to 2pm. MREs, water, and hygiene kits will be handed out along with other donated items. (PR)

Donations from OR, WA relief drives to arrive soon



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Members of a coalition called Operation Pacific-Northwest Relief for Saipan pose in front of the container that Matson donated to ship relief items to Saipan.

A container of relief goods from the U.S. mainland will arrive on Saipan in a couple of weeks. Sent by a coalition called Operation Pacific-Northwest Relief for Saipan, the group organized a relief drive in Oregon and Washington following Typhoon Soudelor's devastation on island.

Matson Guam donated a 40-foot container for the relief drive. The recipient of the container will be Empty Vessel Ministry.

Aside from clothes, shoes, and school supplies, one of the biggest donations was made by Oregon's local company, which is known for their edge in water technology.

According to Yvette Sablan, the company filled their 20-foot truck with hydropacks, which tallied out to about 270,000 pouches.

"The life packet is an emergency hydration solution created specifically for use during the critical days after a natural disaster," Sablan said.

The packet transforms dirty and brackish water into a tasty, nutritious drink through forward osmosis. Sablan said this was solicited by David Hickman.

"Credit also goes out to Lawrence 'L.J.' Duenas for his effort in soliciting the assistance of New Hope Aloha Pau'ole to fund the transport of the packets from Oregon to Washington," Sablan added.

She also thanked Greg Chu, general manager of Matson Seattle, Washington for his contribution on pursuing the assistance of Allstate Trucking to deliver and pick up the container from a location also contributed by the City of Auburn's Mayor's office.

"We have been humbled by all the generous donations and words just aren't enough to express our appreciation to Matson Guam and Washington for your tremendous contribution in this effort," Sablan said.

Members of the committee that helped with the relief drive are Ben and Dorothy Seman, Jerome and Deena Salas, Wilton and Crystal Ngotel, Roslyn Leon Guerrero, Manny "Jun" Tenorio, and Yvette Sablan. (Frauline S. Villanueva)

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BRIDGE OF LIGHT

Mildred Waisang Sikebert from the Division of Youth Services Rota is a Bridge of Light 2015 awardee. She was presented the award during the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation signing.

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**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT**

Happy birthday greetings go out to Becky Lynn Lizama, Wilfredo Q. Lizama, and Jessica S. Deleon Guerrero! With lots of love and blessings from your family and close friends.

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WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category D: is a displaced homemaker;

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER—The term “displaced homemaker” means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

- (A) (i) has been dependent on the income of another family member but is no longer supported by that income; or (ii) is the dependent spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code) and whose family income is significantly reduced because of a deployment (as defined in section 991(b) of title 10, United States Code, or pursuant to paragraph (4) of such section), a call or order to active duty pursuant to a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of title 10, United States Code, a permanent change of station, or the service-connected (as defined in section 101(16) of title 38, United States Code) death or disability of the member; and
- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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PUBLIC NOTICE/AGENDA

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 *et seq.*), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (“CUC”) Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting on **Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building. Public attendance is welcome. The order of business of the Board, unless changed by the majority vote of its members, shall be as follows:

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary Matters**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes
 1. September 15-16, 2015 Regular Meeting
 - E. Presentation of Appreciation to Frankie Cepeda
 - F. Correspondence
- II. Public Comments****
- III. Management Reports**
 - A. Executive Director's Report
 1. Status of Restoration of Utility Services
 2. Geothermal Assessment
 3. Appreciation Party
 4. Status of Prepaid Meter Distribution to Rota
 5. Status of Rota Waterline Matter
 - B. Chief Financial Officer's Report
 - C. Legal Counsel's Report
- IV. Board Reports**
 - A. Operations Committee
 - B. Personnel Committee
- V. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business**
 - A. Resolutions to be Presented at the CUC Appreciation Party
 - B. Internal Financial Cost Savings Strategy
 - C. Designation/Discussion of Assigned Evaluation of Procedures for CUC to Reflect Effective and Efficient Operations
- VI. Adjournment**

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time

** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

World

Russia begins airstrikes in Syria, but West disputes targets

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia launched airstrikes Wednesday in Syria, sharply escalating Moscow's role in the conflict but also raising questions about whether its intent is fighting Islamic State militants or protecting longtime ally, President Bashar Assad.

President Vladimir Putin called it a pre-emptive strike against the militants, and the Russian Defense Ministry said its warplanes targeted and destroyed eight positions belonging to extremists from the IS group, also known as ISIL or ISIS. It did not give specific locations.

But French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian told lawmakers in Paris: "Curiously, they didn't hit Islamic State. I will let you draw a

certain number of conclusions yourselves."

U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter also said the Russians appeared to have targeted areas that did not include IS militants and complained Moscow did not use formal channels to give advance notice of its airstrikes to Washington, which is conducting its own airstrikes in Syria against the Islamic State group.

He said the Russians should not be supporting the Assad government and their military moves are "doomed to fail."

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov dismissed charges that Russian airstrikes in Syria targeted positions of the Syrian opposition. Speaking to journalists on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly, he said that the Rus-

sian Air Forces are cooperating with the Syrian pro-government military to target "exclusively" Islamic State targets.

"Rumors that the targets of these strikes were not IS positions were groundless," he stressed, adding that the Russian Defense Ministry has clearly stated on its website the targets and objectives of Russian airstrikes in Syria.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Washington was prepared to welcome Russian military action in Syria as long as it is directed against IS and other al-Qaida affiliates, but would have "grave concerns" if it conducted strikes against other groups.

The U.S. and Russia both agree on the need to fight the Islamic State but not about what

Russian military jets carry out airstrikes for the first time in Syria's largest province



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

to do with Assad. The Syrian civil war, which grew out of an uprising against Assad, has killed more than 250,000 people since March 2011 and sent millions of refugees fleeing to other countries in the Middle East and Europe.

Russia's first airstrikes in Syria came after Putin met Monday with President Barack Obama on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in New York, where they discussed Moscow's military buildup in the country. Obama had said the U.S. and Russia could work together on a political transition, but only if the result was Assad's departure.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the Russians'

new action "calls into question their strategy, because when President Putin and President Obama had the opportunity to meet at the U.N. earlier this week, much of their discussion was focused on the need for a political transition inside Syria."

Putin, who is Assad's most powerful backer, justified the airstrikes as a move to not only stabilize Syria, but also help stifle global terrorism.

"If they (militants) succeed in Syria, they will return to their home country, and they will come to Russia, too," Putin said at a government session.

According to a statement from Assad's office, the Syrian leader had asked Putin for the support.

Europe, US split over form of Syria talks

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Nine nations or five? In speeches at this year's U.N. gathering of world leaders, major powers are increasing calls for multilateral negotiations to end the war in Syria. But Europe and the United States are split on who should be at the table.

The Europeans invoke the success of the Iran nuclear talks in arguing for a similar format—with key additions.

There, Iran negotiated with the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany to reach their July 14 agreement. French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius on Wednesday called for a similar arrangement "enlarged with regional partners."

The Americans, in contrast, want a tighter group, without the Europeans.

Fabius did not elaborate on his vision. But two diplomats told The Associated Press that this time, instead of making demands on Iran, as was the case at the nuclear talks, the Europeans want Tehran to work with them, the Americans, Russians and Chinese on finding a peace formula. Saudi Arabia and Turkey also would be included.

The diplomats—one European the other from the Middle East—said that Britain, France and Germany all spoke up in favor of that format on the sidelines of the U.N. summit earlier this week during the first meeting of Iran and the six world powers since the nuclear deal was struck.

But the Americans want any negotiations restricted to themselves, the Russians, Iran, Saudi

Arabia and Turkey.

Washington accepted being one of six nations at the nuclear negotiations because they came late. After initially refusing to sit at the same table with Tehran the United States joined in 2006, three years after Britain France and Germany reached out to the Islamic Republic.

A U.S. official familiar with the issue said that in the case of Syria, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry preferred to keep the focus on countries that are directly involved.

He and the diplomats demanded anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the dispute.

Russia, in turn, appears to favor others being kept in the loop, even if they aren't sitting at the negotiating table.

WORLD BRIEFS

President Abbas raises Palestinian flag for first time at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas raised the Palestinian flag at the United Nations for the first time on Wednesday with a promise that it will be raised soon in Jerusalem, "the capital of our Palestinian state." More than 300 ministers, diplomats and well-wishers who crowded into the rose garden at U.N. headquarters where a temporary flagpole had been erected for the ceremony applauded his words. Among them were the foreign ministers of Russia, Saudi Arabia and Iran and ambassadors from many countries including France. The United States, which does not recognize the state of Palestine, did not send a representative, the U.S. Mission said.

Burkina Faso coup leader in Vatican Embassy

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP)—The military general who led the short-lived coup in Burkina Faso has sought refuge at the Vatican Embassy, a day after the army opened fire on his supporters in the presidential guard to force them to disarm, a person who works closely with the clergy said Wednesday. Gen. Gilbert Diendere is sheltering at the Vatican nunciature in Burkina Faso's capital, according to the person close to the Catholic clergy who spoke on condition of

anonymity as he was not authorized to speak to journalists. The Vatican spokesman did not immediately respond to an email requesting information. Negotiations are underway for Diendere to give himself up, the government said in a communique.

Red Cross: Wounded trapped in C. African Republic capital

BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP)—Aid officials pleaded for access to the neighborhoods of Central African Republic's treacherous capital on Wednesday, saying that sectarian clashes between rivaling Christian and Muslim militias make it too dangerous to help the wounded and to recover bodies. Underscoring the chaotic security situation, the U.N. reported that two of its peacekeepers had been severely wounded. The violence marked the second attack of its kind Wednesday as the U.N. forces worked to take down roadblocks that had been put up by militants, said Stephane Dujarric, the spokesman for the U.N. Secretary-General. At least 42 deaths have been confirmed in Bangui since sectarian clashes erupted on Saturday, including a teenage boy who was decapitated. However, the head of the national Red Cross told The Associated Press that death toll is far from complete as its workers have not been able to get into some of the hardest-hit neighborhoods.

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Off The Wall

Mistaken text message leads to love for St. Louis couple

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A married St. Louis couple is sharing their unlikely love story about three years after the mistaken text message that forged their relationship.

Kasey Bergh accidentally sent a text to Henry Glenden- ing, a stranger, in June 2012. The pair continued commu- nicating after realizing they had a lot in common, sharing recommendations on books, movies and music, before meeting in person for the first time a week later, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Upon their second meeting two days later, they each arrived at a Kirkwood coffee shop at different times and realized they had ordered the same drink.

“From the very, very begin- ning it felt like we were on the same wavelength,” Glenden- ing said.

Despite a 30-year age differ- ence, Bergh and Glenden- ing’s connection flourished, and they moved in together within two months.

“It really didn’t make any dif- ference,” Glenden- ing said. “We were so connected at that point through deeper stuff.”

He credits Bergh with help- ing him get out of an “awful place” in his life, which in- cluded an unhappy relation- ship and a dead end job.

“Kasey is a huge inspirer. She wasn’t recommending or advo- cating any particular direction I go, but she encouraged explor- ing, finding out what I want to do,” Glenden- ing said.

Bergh believes Glenden- ing caused her to again believe in love and change her mind about remaining single after her di- vorce six years prior.

“I had totally embraced I was single and that I never needed a guy,” Bergh said. “Then I met Henry.”

Exactly two years after the errant text message, Glenden- ing proposed to Bergh at the rooftop restaurant where they ended their first meeting, with her favorite song, “Thank You” by Led Zeppelin, playing in the background.

The couple married June 27 in front of a graffiti wall near the St. Louis riverfront.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Chicago Botanic Garden’s 2nd corpse flower is blooming

GLENCOE, Ill. (AP)—A suburban Chicago garden with a disappointing rainfor- est plant that refused to bloom now has a new star attraction. The Chicago Botanic Garden announced Tuesday that a sec- ond corpse flower is not only on display in its semi-tropical greenhouse, but it is blooming. Garden officials say the smell is a combination of Limburger cheese, garlic, rotting fish and smelly feet. Visitors have been flocking to the garden to see the

plant as it blooms. The garden is live-streaming the titan arum plant on its website (www. chicagobotanic.org/titan-ar- um-corpse-flower). This plant has been nicknamed Alice. In August, another corpse flower, nicknamed Spike, didn’t open after much anticipation. Gar- den scientists finally opened the flower manually.

Rescued horses chow down on 22 tons of donated carrots

BEND, Ore. (AP)—Carrots might no longer tempt horses at one Oregon rescue ranch—be-

cause they’ve been munching on tons of them for days. The Bend Bulletin reports that the facility in the central Oregon city of Bend accepted a dona- tion of 44,000 pounds, or 22 tons, of carrots after a truck carrying them crashed. Equine Outreach operator Joan Steel- hammer was offered the veg- etables Friday after they were deemed unfit for human con- sumption. She says the haul filled a 53-foot semitrailer up to 5 feet deep. Volunteer Gene Storm says about 80 horses have been chomping through the massive stock, and ani-

mal owners have been invited to help reduce the pile, too. A few tons of carrots are left, but it’s still more than the rescue’s animals can consume. Storm says carrots should be avail- able for a few more days.

Woman to remove screen built to block view of neighbor


THETFORD, Vt. (AP)—A former Vermont gubernato- rial candidate is taking down a 60-foot by 24-foot screen she built to block her view of her neighbor’s home. The Valley News reports Ruth Dwyer has

agreed to remove the structure by Nov. 1 as part of a settle- ment filed earlier this month. Dwyer will face a \$200 fine for each day the screen remains up if she doesn’t remove it by that date. Dwyer has said one of her horses was startled by a child on the neighbor’s driveway, prompting her to plant trees to block the view. She had the temporary screen installed while they grow. She didn’t respond to messages seeking comment. Thetford officials say it violates zon- ing rules and began assessing fees of \$200 per day in March.

Dwyer unsuccessfully ran for governor twice.

Philly police say suspect got manicure, robbed nail salon

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Po- lice are seeking a robbery sus- pect with nice nails. They say a man got a manicure at a nail salon on West Rockland Street in Philadelphia on Sunday and then robbed the place at gun- point. Surveillance video shows the suspect grabbing money from one worker and then tak- ing more cash from the register. No one was injured.



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY • CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB15-DLNR/DFW-134

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2015 TIME: 1:00 P.M.

“LEASE OF WAREHOUSE FACILITY FOR DLNR – DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE – CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT SECTION”

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/S/ RICHARD B. SEMAN

SECRETARY OF DLNR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

DIRECTOR, P&S





PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY • CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB15-DPS-120

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2015 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“BOAT ENGINE AND HYDRAULIC STEERING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-ROTA-BOATING SAFETY SECTION”

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/S/ JAMES C. DELEON GUERRERO

COMMISSIONER OR PUBLIC SAFETY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

DIRECTOR, P&S





PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY • CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB15-DPS-129

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2015 TIME: 10:30 A.M.

“PROCUREMENT OF .40 CALIBER SERVICE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY”

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY • CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB1-MOT-139

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2015 TIME: 11:00 A.M.

“OFFICE SPACE RENTAL FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF TINIAN”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE BIDDER MUST COMPLY WITH CNMI PUBLIC LAW 15-23, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 8652 (A)-(D).

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/S/ JOEY P. SAN NICOLAS

MAYOR OF TINIAN

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

DIRECTOR, P&S





PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

RE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITB15-DCCA/NAP-117

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2015 TIME: 1:00 P.M.

“CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS, NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ASCENCION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

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/S/ LAURA T. OGUMORO

SECRETARY OF DC&CA

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

DIRECTOR, P&S





PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

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INVITATION TO BID

RE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITB15-DCCA/NAP-118

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2015 TIME: 1:30 P.M.

“PRINTING AGENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS, NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM”

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INVITATION TO BID

RE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITB15-DFEMS-114

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2015 TIME: 9:30 A.M.

“SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TWO (2) 2015 MODEL YEAR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT TO BE USED FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ASCENCION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

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/S/ CLAUDIO K. NORITA

COMMISSIONER, DFEMS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

DIRECTOR, P&S





PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

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INVITATION TO BID

RE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITB15-DFEMS-115

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2015 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF 140 COMPLETE SET OF BRAND NEW 2015 MODEL YEAR FIREFIGHTER TURN-OUT GEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES”

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, ASCENCION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP NO.: RFP15-DPL-130

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2015 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT SERVICES FOR TRACT 41-3 (PINA RIDGE) IN PINA, TINIAN, CNMI THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS”

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS, 2ND FLOOR JOETEN DANDAN COMMERCIAL BUILDING DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON OCTOBER 13, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME AT THE DPL 2ND FLOOR JOETEN DANDAN COMMERCIAL BUILDING, SAIPAN. ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO PEDRO A. TENORIO, SECRETARY OF PUBLIC LANDS OR FAXED TO (670) 234-3755 NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M., LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 20, 2015.


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SECRETARY OF PUBLIC LANDS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY



Life & Style

‘Dancing with the Stars’ requires grit, pain tolerance

LOS ANGELES (AP)—“Dancing with the Stars” brings to mind words and phrases including “waltz,” “paso doble” and “that’s a star?” Then there’s this one: “Ouch.”

There have been so many injuries and health woes over so many seasons of ABC’s dance contest that it could be renamed “Triage with the Stars.” Even Olympians have been felled by the seriously grueling demands of competi-

tive ballroom dancing.

This season’s first casualty was Kim Zolciak Biermann of “Real Housewives of Atlanta” fame, whose crisis came off the dance floor. She was flying home from Los Angeles after working on the show last week when she suffered a so-called mini-stroke that put her in the

hospital. She helpfully posted a sickbed snapshot.

Zolciak Biermann has reported a full recovery but was dropped under series’ rules because she missed a performance. She’s campaigning to get back on the series airing 8 p.m. EDT Monday, proof of its addictive nature.

There’s more than bragging rights at stake. “Dancing with the Stars” has helped contestants rev up their careers and even reshape their images, as happened when Jerry Springer, the king of rowdy TV talk shows, waltzed his way to a more lovable public persona. But the earliest years of the

show seemed to carry less risk, with scant physical fallout on the books. Is the quest for the mirror ball trophy becoming more competitive? Or are American celebrities, along with the rest of America, becoming less fit? Nah, impossible, with zero still the preferred dress size in Hollywood.

Prosecutors decline to charge Caitlyn Jenner in fatal crash

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Prosecutors declined to charge Caitlyn Jenner on Wednesday in a California car crash that killed another driver, citing insufficient evidence to support a case.

Authorities said Jenner was towing an off-road vehicle on a trailer behind a Cadillac Escalade on Feb. 7 when she crashed into two cars, pushing one into oncoming traffic. Driver Kim Howe died when her Lexus was hit by a Hummer in Malibu.

“We believed from the start that a thorough and objective investigation would clear Caitlyn of any criminal wrongdoing,” said Blair Berk, Jenner’s attorney. “We are heartened the district attorney has agreed that even a misdemeanor charge would be inappropriate. A traffic accident, however devastating and heartbreaking when a life is lost, is not necessarily a criminal matter.”

The accident occurred before Jenner announced she is transgender and transitioned into her new identity as Caitlyn.

Sheriff’s investigators previously determined that Jenner, 65, was traveling at an unsafe speed for the road con-

ditions at the time and there was enough evidence to support a vehicular manslaughter charge. The case was then referred to the district attorney’s major crimes division.

A prosecutor wrote in a one-page sheet declining to file charges that Jenner was traveling slightly below the posted speed limit and began braking less than two seconds before the crash. To prove misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, prosecutors would have had to show Jenner was negligent and had violated a basic speed law.

Based on the facts, the office determined they “cannot prove beyond a reasonable doubt that suspect’s conduct was unreasonable.”

After the accident, Jenner released a statement expressing sympathy to those involved in the accident.

“It is a devastating tragedy,” the statement read. “I cannot pretend to imagine what this family is going through at this time. I am praying for them.”

Jenner is facing separate lawsuits by Howe’s stepchildren and the driver of the other car involved in the collision.

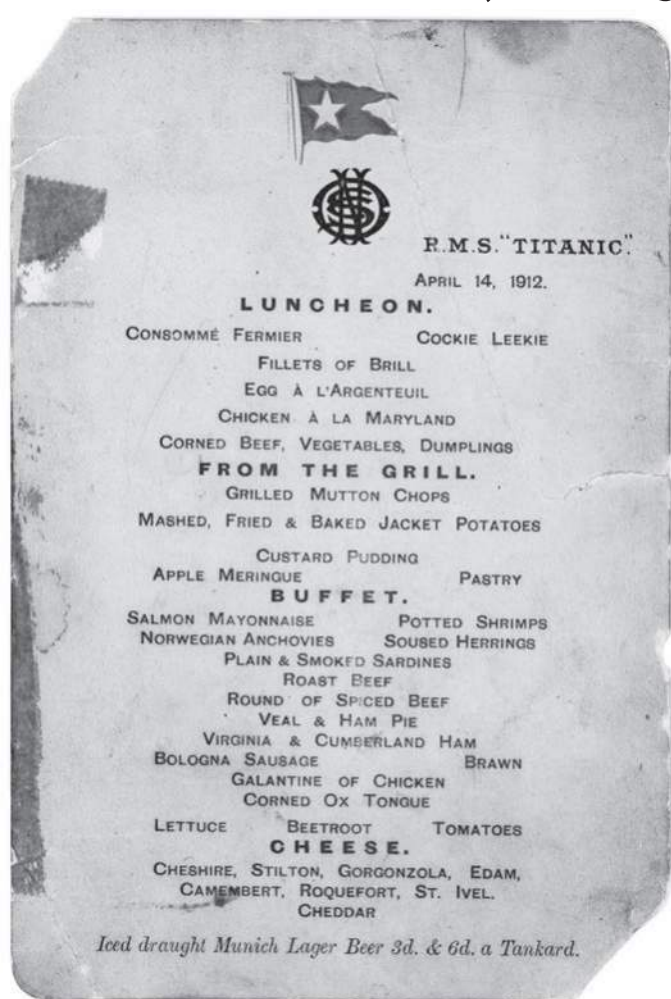
NEW YORK (AP)—The Titanic’s last lunch menu, saved by a first-class passenger who climbed aboard a lifeboat whose crew was said to have been bribed to row away instead of rescue more people, sold at auction for \$88,000 on Wednesday.

The online New York auctioneer Lion Heart Autographs offered the menu and two other previously unknown artifacts from Lifeboat 1.

Abraham Lincoln Salomon was among a handful of first-class passengers who boarded the lifeboat, dubbed the Money Boat or Millionaire’s Boat by the press because of unfounded rumors one of them bribed seven crew members to quickly row the boat away from the sinking ocean liner.

The menu, which lists corned beef, dumplings and other savory items, is signed on the back in pencil by another first-class passenger, Isaac Gerald Frauenthal, who escaped on another lifeboat. It’s believed the two men lunched together that fateful day in 1912.

Salomon also took away a




This undated file photo provided by Lion Heart Autographs shows the Titanic’s last lunch menu.

printed ticket from the Titanic’s opulent Turkish baths, which recorded a person’s weight when seated in a specially designed upholstered lounge chair. The ticket bears the names of three of the five other first-class passengers with him on Lifeboat 1. One of four weighing chair tickets known to exist, it sold for \$11,000.

A letter written by Mabel Francatelli to Salomon on New York’s Plaza Hotel stationery six months after the disaster fetched \$7,500. Francatelli had climbed into Lifeboat 1 with her employer, aristocratic fashion designer Lucy Duff-Gordon and her Scottish husband, Lord Cosmo Duff-Gordon, who was rumored to have bribed the crew to row them to safety in the boat, which had a capacity of 40.

The Duff-Gordons, the only passengers to testify about the disaster, were cleared by the British Wreck Commissioner’s inquiry, which determined that they did not deter the crew from attempting to rescue other people but that others might have been saved if the boat had turned around.



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**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AIRSIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES
(PERIMETER FENCE/ROADSIDE/DITCH/
AND RESTRICTED AREA GRASS CUTTING)
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-16
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is soliciting sealed proposals for perimeter fence/roadside/ditch and restricted area grass cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing continuous grounds maintenance services for the Airport as described in the scope of work. The **proposal package** will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **September 11, 2015**. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Airside Grounds Maintenance Services for Perimeter Fence/Roadside/Ditch and Restricted Area Grass Cutting at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.” One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 PM, October 2, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

A **pre-proposal conference** will be held at the CPA Departure Terminal Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, on **September 25th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective proposers may attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least 7 days prior to the pre-proposal conference.


The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offeror’s preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This RFP does not commit to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director



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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE
SERVICE AND REPAIRS OF GENERATORS AT THE
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND PORT OF SAIPAN
CPA-RFP-003-16**

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the “CPA”) is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the “RFP”), and other contract provisions, for proposals from qualified individuals, firms, companies and/or corporations to provide Generator Preventive Maintenance Service and Repairs at the Saipan International Airport and Port of Saipan.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50, Procurement Rules and Regulations of Title 40 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the “NMIC”). Title 40, including chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The successful proposer will be awarded 2 years to perform the services with option to renew for an additional 2 years at the sole discretion of the CPA.

The proposal package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning September 18, 2015.

The proposal package includes the Scope of Work and other considerations upon payment of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) to be paid at the CPA Accounting Office. Payment shall be in cashiers’ check or cash only. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any costs that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project. Proposers shall take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project. Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 PM, October 9, 2015 to the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.


The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would not be in CPA’s best interest.

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
TAXIWAYS B & H REHABILITATION PROJECT
AIP No. 3-69-0002-79/83**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Taxiways B & H Rehabilitation Project, AIP No. 3-69-0002-79/83, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA’s Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes overall construction management services for the duration of the project. Details are available at CPA’s Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package.

Questions regarding this request for qualification (RFQ) statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant, in writing via hand delivery to the CPA Administration Office, via fax to (670) 664-3533 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp or cpa.engr@pticom.com by no later than Friday, September 18, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 30 points;
- CM experience related to airport paving projects – 30 points;
- Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the FAA regulations and requirements and AIP grants – 15 points;
- The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience, firm’s ability to perform the services and the firm’s professional integrity and competence – 15 points; and
- Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, October 9, 2015**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

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Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: September 8, 2015

Federal coins bring \$26 million at NY auction

NEW YORK (AP)—A New York auction of American coins from 1792 to the 1830s fetched \$26 million on Wednesday.

The auction was held jointly by Stack's Bowers and Sotheby's.

The 105-coin sale was the second of five auctions of federal coinage from the D. Brent Pogue Collection.

Among the stars of the sale was a 1794 Flowing Hair Silver Dollar, known as the Lord Saint Oswald specimen. It sold for nearly \$5 million, in line with its high presale estimate.

The coin was acquired in Philadelphia after its mintage by British author and House of Lords member William Strickland. It remained in the possession of his descendants until a 1964 auction. Among

This undated file photo provided by Stack's Bowers Galleries shows a 1795 Capped Bust Right Eagle coin. It was worth \$10 when it was minted and sold Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015, for about \$2.5 million.

its previous owners was former Louisiana Congressman Jimmy Hayes.

Another highlight was a 1795 Capped Bust Right Eagle, also known as the Garrett Eagle. It was worth \$10 when it was minted and sold Wednesday for \$2.5 million. It is considered the single finest surviving U.S. gold coin struck in the 18th century.

Stack's said it was the most valuable \$10 gold piece in existence and set a new record for any pre-Gold Rush



United States gold coin sold at public auction.

Its pre-sale estimate was \$750,000 to \$1.2 million. The old record was \$2.35 million for a quarter eagle worth \$2.50 when it was struck in 1808. It sold at the first Pogue collection auction in May.

The 1795 coin was once owned by T. Harrison Garrett, a Baltimore banker, and later his sons, who donated it to Johns Hopkins University in 1942. It

was later sold at auction.

Pogue, a Dallas property developer, spent decades amassing 650 early American coins. Valued at \$200 million, it is believed to be the most valuable rare coin collection in the world.

In May, the two auction houses sold 128 coins from his collection for \$25.3 million.

The remaining Pogue coin auctions are scheduled for 2016, on Feb. 18, May 19 and Sep. 22.

Polish painting looted by Nazis is found in Ohio, returned

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—An Ohio man said he had no idea an 18th-century painting hanging in his home for over 20 years had been looted from a Polish museum by the Nazis during World War II.

John Bobb, of Westerville, learned that history when the FBI's Cincinnati office called in July.

Bobb said he thought the 1728 painting was just a good example of Baroque art, one of his favorite periods. He bought

the artwork from an American serviceman's family in 1990 and said his research on it went cold.

Bobb said the agent who called was chasing a lead in central Ohio on the stolen piece and was given his last name.

The "Portrait of a Young Man" by Krzysztof Lubieniecki (keh-ZHISH'-tahf loo-beh-NEECH'-kee) had been taken from the National Museum in Warsaw in 1944.

The work was pilfered during

the Warsaw uprising as part of the Nazi plunder under the direction of Hermann Goering. It was believed to have been sent to a castle in Austria before the American GI took it home to Columbus.

Bobb and his wife, Janis, met with Polish officials last week who were able to verify that their painting was the missing artwork.

The couple returned the piece to representatives of the Polish Ministry of Cultural and

National Heritage during a ceremony at the FBI's Columbus office on Sept. 24.

Polish officials told the Bobbs that approximately 70 percent of their country's art was taken during the war.

"I was almost in tears the other day because I think it was really gratifying to know that it's going to go back. And I asked the ladies from Poland, 'Will it be back in the Warsaw museum?' and they said yes," Janis Bobb said.

Moore's 'Where to Invade Next' acquired by new distributor

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Moore's latest documentary, "Where to Invade Next," has been acquired by a newly formed distributor.

The landing place for Moore's film had been a big question in Hollywood following the movie's acclaimed debut opening night at the Toronto International Film Festival in early September.

Moore's films have been among the most lucrative

documentaries at the box office. His "Fahrenheit 9/11" earned \$119.2 million in 2004; his last film, 2009's "Capitalism: A Love Story," made \$14.4 million.

"Where to Invade Next" will be the first film from a not-yet-named distribution label formed by Alamo Drafthouse founder Tim League and former Radius founders



Tom Quinn and Jason Janego. Moore called them a "cinematic Dream Team."

A limited, Oscar-qualifying theatrical release is planned for December. A wider release is also promised in "hundreds of theaters across the country ahead of the first presidential primary."

"Together with Michael

Moore and his extraordinary new film we hope to remind Americans they have the inalienable right to laugh, especially in an election year," Quinn and Janego said in a statement.

"Where to Invade Next" finds Moore traveling to foreign countries, mainly in Europe, to claim their best civic ideas for America—from healthier school lunches to more vacation time for workers.

Teamsters members charged with extorting 'Top Chef'

BOSTON (AP)—Five members of a Teamsters local accused of intimidating the staff and crew of "Top Chef" while it was filmed in Boston last year were indicted Wednesday on federal extortion charges.

The indictment says members of Teamsters Local 25 demanded that union members be hired as drivers, then threatened and harassed the crew for the reality TV show's non-union production company.

The Teamsters are accused of threatening to picket the Omni Parker House, where the show was scheduled to film, prompting the hotel to refuse to allow the crew to use the location for the show.

The men are also accused of yelling profanities and racial and homophobic slurs at host Padma Lakshmi and the crew while they filmed at Steel & Rye, a restaurant in the Boston suburb of Milton.

Three Teamsters were ordered released Wednesday on \$50,000 unsecured bonds; a fourth was ordered held until a detention hearing Thursday. The men pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy to extort and attempted extortion.

The U.S. Attorney's Of-

fice said a fifth man was dismissed from the indictment after prosecutors realized he had been misidentified from a photograph.

U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz said the Teamsters' actions were "not union organizing, but criminal extortion."

"In the course of this alleged conspiracy, they managed to chase a legitimate business out of the city of Boston and then harassed the cast and crew when they set up shop in Milton," Ortiz said.

Local 25's president, Sean O'Brien, did not immediately return calls seeking comment. O'Brien previously denied that any Teamsters had harassed crew members, calling the accusations "fiction at best."

A lawyer for Mark Harrington, one of the accused Teamsters, said his client denies the allegations.

"His only conduct was to exercise his lawful right to protest a company that was not maintaining area standards of wages and benefits," said attorney Rob Goldstein.

Lawyers for the other defendants declined to comment.

Caregivers for sick pets also deserve respite from stress

DEAR ABBY: Our family dog recently passed away after a year-long decline. I had grown up with him. He had reached the point where he needed daily care for his body, even though his mind was 100 percent there. Near the end, things got very bad. I got only about four hours of broken sleep a night caring for him, and no one in the family would help me. During part of his daily care routine, he had a second accident all over the freshly cleaned floor. I lost it and hit him.

He's gone now, and I can barely live with myself. When I think about it, I get nauseated and dry-heave. I literally hate myself. In my book, exhaustion doesn't give anyone the right to do what I did. I'm old enough to know better. This makes me want to change my life plans and never have another pet or have children -- just in case. Am I right?

LOWLIFE IN THE USA

DEAR "LOWLIFE": Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your beloved furry friend. While what happened is regrettable, you are wrong to beat yourself up the way you are. There is something called "caregiver burnout," which I'm advising you to research. When caregivers are stressed and sleep-deprived, mental health advisers urge them to find respite care for their patient. Lack of sleep can cause people to react badly.

If your family had been more supportive and you had had

proper rest, you probably would not have snapped. What happened does not mean you are doomed to repeat this with another pet or a child.

DEAR ABBY: I have a daughter-in-law I would like to get to know. "Karla" and my son have been married for four years. My dilemma is texting. Karla refuses to carry on conversations on the phone or in person. Everything has to be texted. When I have explained to her that I wanted to get to know her better and felt that texts were impersonal, she claimed that they are all she has time for between working and taking care of the children.

I don't mind watching the children; I'd just like to know a day in advance unless it's an emergency. Abby, she is rude, disrespectful and treats me like a servant rather than a family member. Am I wrong to expect non-emergency things to be scheduled in advance, or is it acceptable to text and say, "Hey, I need you to watch the kids. Be here at noon"?

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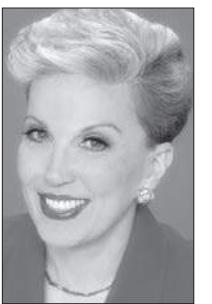
DEAR HURT FEELINGS: No, you're not wrong. The next time you receive a text like the one you quoted, send one back that says, "Not available then -- need more warning. Ask sooner next time."

DEAR ABBY: I am blessed to be 70 years old and have few

DEAR ABBY

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problems. Your column today got me wondering about something. You answered, "For Pete's sake..." to a question. I just wondered, who is Pete? I have heard the expression all my life and am just curious.

DALE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR DALE: That's a good question, because I didn't know where the phrase came from either. "For Pete's sake" is a mild oath. According to my online research, it's a cleaned-up version of what was originally "For Christ's sake."

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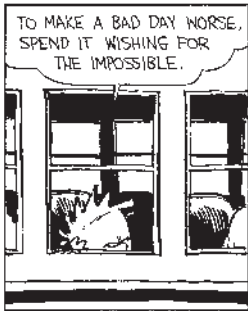
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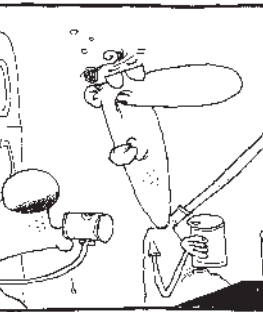
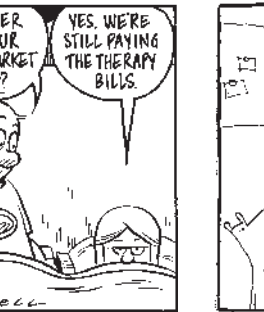


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Yesterday's answer 10-2

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kelly Ripa, 45; Sting, 64; Annie Leibovitz, 66; Donna Karan, 67.

Happy Birthday: Learn as you go and gather experience, information and whatever else you can that will contribute to the goals you set for yourself this year. Spend less time helping others excel and more time investing in what you want to achieve. A positive change in important relationships can be expected. Open up discussions, find solutions and keep moving forward. Your numbers are 5, 18, 21, 27, 30, 36, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Clear the air. Whether it's a friend, relative or your lover, an open discussion will ease your mind about a problem that's bothering you. Reconnect with people you have worked with in the past and you'll hear about a career opportunity. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make an effort to implement the changes required to reach your goal. Enhance your skills and network with people who are heading in a similar direction. Don't let little things get you down. It's time to get moving. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Explore new avenues, get out and make friends with people who offer mental stimulation. Your original way of thinking and approaching problems will attract attention. Love is highlighted, but flirting with too many will send the wrong signal. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep personal information to yourself. Use your time wisely. Choose a creative endeavor

that will help you develop more unique skills. A day trip will offer an interesting perspective on the way others live. Keep the lines of communication open. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be given the recognition you crave for the time and effort you put in. You can save the day if you are proactive. Love is in the stars, and a positive change to a relationship will lead to future plans. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do your own thing. Disappointment will set in if you expect someone to live up to your expectations. Work alone, but when it comes to play time, choose mates that share your opinions. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Interact with the people who share your concerns. You will attract attention and interest in joining forces to bring about change. Love is on the rise, and doing something unique with someone special will bring you closer together. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do things differently and create a buzz. Negotiate a contract or finalize a settlement and you will prosper. Don't give in to emotional demands or impractical ideas. Follow the path that draws you, not the one everybody else is taking. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll face highs and lows. People will gossip about your flirtatious ways. Put your knowledge and expertise to good use and focus on your work and responsibilities. It's what you do, not what you say, that will bring the highest rewards. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Say little and do a lot. Someone will try to railroad you down a path that is unpredictable. Protect your assets, position and health from situations that have the potential to make you look, feel or do poorly. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for something to invest in. Consider your skills and the services you can offer and build a dream that will lead to greater prosperity. A partnership with someone special will encourage you to invest more in yourself and your surroundings. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let someone else make decisions for you. Being a chameleon will not get you what you want. Speak up and refuse to do someone else's dirty work. Personal changes will help boost your confidence, giving you the courage to do your own thing. **

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By Dave Green

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 23, 2015, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot E.A. 832-1-14 (part of original Lot E.A. 832-1-R2 and part of original Lot E.A. 832-1-R1, E.A. 832), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 2134/88, the original of which was recorded June 24, 1988, as Document no. 88-2012, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

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Cardinals rout Pirates, clinch 3rd straight NL Central title



PITTSBURGH (AP)—Jason Heyward hit a third-inning grand slam to power the Cardinals over the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-1 in the second game of a doubleheader, giving St. Louis its third NL Central title and 11th since 1994.

This one may be among the most impressive. The Cardinals assured themselves of the best record in the majors this season despite losing several stars to injury for long stretches.

The Pirates will play in the NL wild-card game against the Chicago Cubs next week.

Heyward's shot off Bobby LaFromboise, who replaced an ineffective Charlie Morton (9-9), gave St. Louis an early six-run lead. Tyler Lyons (3-1) had little trouble making it hold up as the Cardinals reached the 100-win plateau for the ninth time.

St. Louis players jogged out of their dugout to the infield in a businesslike celebration of their fifth straight postseason berth. Their season-long run atop baseball's most competitive division — and the ease in which the team did it—is all the more stunning considering the obstacles it had to overcome.

In Game 1, Francisco Cervelli's grand slam off Michael Wacha (17-7) provided Gerrit Cole (19-8) all the offense he would need to improve to 12-2 in September during his young career. Neil Walker also homered for the Pirates.

Blue Jays 15, Orioles 2, Game 1 Orioles 8, Blue Jays 1, Game 2

In Baltimore, with its rout of Baltimore in the first game of a doubleheader, Toronto clinched its first AL East title in 22 years, bringing an appropriate conclusion to its unstoppable, two-month run.

Toronto entered the doubleheader needing only one victory to eliminate the New York Yankees and claim its first title since 1993. The suspense ended quickly as the Blue Jays built a 4-0 lead in the fourth inning of the opener before adding four unearned runs in the fifth.

The remaining innings were a mere prelude to a celebration more than two decades in the making. There were several hundred blue-clad Toronto fans in the small crowd that gathered for the makeup of a game washed out by rain on Tuesday.

Astros 7, Mariners 6

In Seattle, Colby Rasmus' broken-bat RBI single capped Houston's rally from a three-run deficit, and the Astros retook the lead in the race for the second AL wild-card spot by beating Seattle.

A day after being passed by the Angels, the Astros moved back in front of Los Angeles, which lost at home to Oakland.

St. Louis Cardinals' Jason Heyward (22) is greeted by teammate Matt Carpenter after hitting a grand slam off Pittsburgh Pirates relief pitcher Bobby LaFromboise in the third inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015. AP



The Astros are a half-game ahead going into their final series of the season beginning on Friday in Arizona.

Luke Gregerson got his 31st save, capped when center fielder Carlos Gomez caught a line drive by Franklin Gutierrez and doubled pinch-runner James Jones off first base to end the game.

Tony Sipp (3-4) was the winner. Danny Farquhar (1-7) took the loss.

Twins 7, Indians 1, Game 1 Indians 10, Twins 2, Game 2

In Cleveland, Cody Anderson pitched seven shutout innings and Jose Ramirez hit a three-run homer, leading the Cleveland Indians a split doubleheader, keeping them alive in the AL wild-card race.

Minnesota won the first game and pulled to one game behind the Angels for the second wild-card spot—Los Angeles lost to Oakland.

Cleveland is five games behind L.A. and still faced potential elimination if the Astros beat the Mariners later.

Anderson (7-3) held the Twins to two hits and won his fifth straight start.

Cleveland scored four runs in the second off Mike Pelfrey (6-11), who lasted 1 2-3 innings, and Francisco Lindor, continuing his case for rookie of the year, belted a two-run homer in the fourth.

Athletics 8, Angels 7

In Anaheim, Calif., Stephen Vogt hit a tiebreaking, two-run single during Oakland's four-run rally in the seventh inning, and the Athletics hung on to stop Los Angeles' seven-game winning streak.

Sean Doolittle got pinch-hitter Collin Cowgill to ground out

with Mike Trout on third base to end it, completing a five-out save in a wild regular-season home finale for the Angels (83-75).

Eric Sogard had an early three-run double for the last-place A's, whose second win in 11 games further complicated the AL playoff race.

One day after the Angels completed a two-month chase by passing Houston for the second wild-card spot, Los Angeles committed four errors and gave up seven unearned runs while dropping back into a tie with the Astros, who played at Seattle later.

Red Sox 9, Yankees 5, 11 innings

In New York, New York's normally steady bullpen wasted a chance to clinch its first playoff berth in three years when Dellin Betances gave up a tying homer and Andrew Bailey allowed the go-ahead hit.

After losses in the first two games of the four-game series and with the chance to wrap up a wild-card berth, the Yankees rallied from a 3-0 deficit. Alex Rodriguez's first homer in two weeks gave them a 5-4 lead in the sixth.

But on a night when Masahiro Tanaka struggled early in his return from a hamstring injury, the Yankees stumbled again. Still, they need just one win in their final four games to earn the playoff spot.

Bailey (0-1) gave up an RBI single to Deven Marrero with one out in the 11th. Chasen Shreve yielded a run-scoring sacrifice to Jackie Bradley Jr. and a two-run homer to Betts.

Rangers 6, Tigers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Adrian Beltre hit the first of three Texas home runs as the AL West leaders moved closer to a postsea-

son berth by beating Detroit.

Robinson Chirinos and Mike Napoli also homered for the Rangers.

Yovani Gallardo (13-11) won despite giving up nine hits in 5 1-3 innings. Matt Boyd (1-6) allowed all three homers in 2 2-3 innings.

Phillies 7, Mets 5

In Philadelphia, New York Mets slugger Yoenis Cespedes was bruised on two fingers of his left hand after he was hit by a pitch in a testy loss to Philadelphia.

X-rays were negative on Cespedes, struck on the ring and middle fingers. He exited in the third inning, then returned to the dugout in the sixth when the benches started to empty following a high-and-tight pitch.

Daniel Murphy and Michael Conforto homered for the NL East champion Mets.

Ken Roberts (1-1) retired one batter and Ken Giles got his 15th save in 19 chances. Bobby Parnell (2-4) lost in relief.

Cubs 10, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, Austin Jackson drove in a career-high five runs, Jon Lester set a team for strikeouts in a season by a left-handed pitcher and the playoff-bound Chicago Cubs beat Cincinnati for their fourth straight win. The Reds lost their 11th in a row.

The Cubs will play the Pirates in next week's NL wild-card game.

Lester's strikeout of Ivan De Jesus Jr. in the fifth inning was his 203rd of the season, snapping the franchise record for a left-hander set by Ken Holtzman in 1970. Lester (11-12) finished with nine strikeouts and retired the last 20 batters he faced.

Anthony DeSclafani (9-13) took the loss.

Giants 5, Dodgers 0

In San Francisco, Mike Leake

pitched a two-hitter for his first career shutout.

A day after being eliminated from playoff contention, the Giants jumped to an early lead, then rode Leake to beat the Dodgers for the eighth time in nine games at AT&T Park.

Leake (11-10) struck out one and walked three to win for just the second time in nine starts since being acquired in a trade from Cincinnati on July 30. The impending free agent faced only three over the minimum.

Jimmy Rollins singled in the fourth for the Dodgers, who remain one game behind the New York Mets for the No. 2 seed in the NL. The two teams will play each other in the NL Division Series, though homefield advantage for that showdown has yet to be decided.

Matt Duffy hit his 12th home run of the season off Dodgers starter Mike Bolsinger (6-6).

Royals 5, White Sox 3, 10 innings

In Chicago, Eric Hosmer hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the top of the 10th inning, and Kansas City clinched home-field advantage in an AL Division Series.

Ben Zobrist singled with one out, and Hosmer drove a pitch from David Robertson (6-5) into the bullpen in right field to give the Royals the lead. It was Hosmer's 18th homer of the season.

Alex Gordon and Mike Moustakas also homered for Kansas City, which had already clinched the AL Central title. They will host the first two games of their ALDS, and a Game 5 if necessary.

Edinson Volquez went six innings, allowed one run and nine hits while striking out five but couldn't pick up his first win since Sept. 8. Franklin Morales (4-2) pitched a scoreless inning

in relief and Wade Davis got his 15th save in 16 tries.

Rays 6, Marlins 4

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Drew Smyly won his fifth straight decision and Grady Sizemore had a three-run double for Tampa Bay.

Smyly (5-2) allowed one run, three hits, three walks and had eight strikeouts over six innings. After losing his first start on Aug. 16 following a three-month absence due to a torn left labrum, the left-hander has gone 5-0 over an eight-start stretch.

Nick Franklin had a two-out solo homer in the fifth off Jarrod Cosart (2-5) before Sizemore put the Rays up 5-1 with his bases-loaded opposite-field double down the left-field line.

Braves 2, Nationals 0

In Atlanta, rookie Williams Perez threw six innings and Atlanta's bullpen did the rest to record the Braves' first shutout since June 21.

Jordan Zimmermann (13-10), a fixture in the Nationals' rotation since 2011, took the loss in what will likely be his final appearance for the team that drafted him in 2007. Zimmermann, a free agent at the end of the season, gave up two runs and six hits in six innings in his career-high 33rd start.

Perez (7-6) is auditioning for a spot in an uncertain rotation for the Braves in 2016.

Brewers 5, Padres 0

In San Diego, Zach Davies pitched seven innings for Milwaukee in its seventh shutout of the season.

Davies (3-2) did not allow a run for a second consecutive start, having shut out the Chicago Cubs over six innings in his last outing. He struck out six and walked two.

Milwaukee has won five of its last seven games.

San Diego starter Andrew Cashner (6-16) struck out four of the first five batters in the game, but left after allowing five consecutive hitters to reach in the fifth. He gave up five runs and nine hits, while striking out seven and walking two.

Diamondbacks 3, Rockies 1

In Phoenix, Chase Anderson pitched effectively into the sixth inning in a combined five-hitter.

Randall Delgado (8-4) got the final out in the sixth.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a run-scoring single off Chad Bettis (8-6), and Phil Gosselin and David Peralta each had sacrifice flies. Arizona stranded 11 runners and went 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

Nolan Arenado hit a double in the fourth inning to become the fourth Rockies player with at least 40 doubles, 40 homers and 120 RBIs in a season. He joined Todd Helton (twice), Ellis Burks and Larry Walker.

Hard Kulangot ousts Eh Di Wow

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Hard Kulangot got a free win by default against Ed Di Wow in their rescheduled match in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League yesterday at the Navy Hill court.

Eh Di Wow had only two players at game time, leaving league officials with no choice but to award the victory to Hard Kulangot, which improved to a 4-2 record for the solo fourth place in the team standings. Eh Di Wow finished the league winless in eight games, as it was also forced to forfeit the continuation of its match against Pasion De Amor. Eh Di Wow was still one player short down for its game against Pasion De Amor

with Kobe Corpuz and Jerome Reyes joining early comers Lorio Pagarao and Edwin Santos. Eh Di Wow is eliminated as it remained at the bottom of the nine-team field. Only the Top 7 squads after the round-robin elimination will march into the playoff round.

Hard Kulangot, on the other hand, joined the open race for the No. 1 spot, which carries an automatic semis berth as an incentive. Makalaro Lang, Pasion De Amor, and Wag Ka Pabebe, which sport similar 5-2 records, are the other contenders for the outright semis ticket, while Oh My J (4-3) and Red Rice (3-3) are in the playoffs, and Purple Rain (2-4) and Kidlat (1-4) will battle for the remaining slot to the next round.

The final standings in the inaugural league will be decided by the five remaining games in

the elimination. Today, Purple Rain and Red Rice will play their rained-out match that was originally set last Saturday. The Purple Rain-Red Rice tiff is scheduled in place of the Kidlat-Eh Di Wow match after the latter agreed to forfeit its last assignment, too.

The three other regular games will be played this weekend with Makalaro Lang and Wag Kang Pabebe colliding in a crucial match tomorrow at 4:30pm. The winner of that encounter will boost its chances for the top spot. The second game this Saturday is another important duel with Pasion De Amor challenging Oh My J.

Then on Sunday, Hard Kulangot will face Purple Jam, while it is likely that the continuation of the former's suspended match against Kidlat

last Sept. 27 will resume this weekend.

Hard Kulangot was holding on to a 35-31 lead against Kidlat when their match was halted at the 14:49 mark of the second half due to darkness.

Marlo Ibanez had already scored 12 points in the suspended match to give Hard Kulangot the 4-point cushion, while J.R. Barrios made 8, including 6 in the second half. Justin Zapanta and Manolo Manalo had already recorded 10 points each, while Capalad added 9 to keep Kidlat afloat.

Kidlat will have possession when the game resumes this weekend.

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were followed by the awards ceremony.

"Aside from participation medals, the kids also received additional medals for winning in the various sports," said summer camp coordinator Cristy Villaflo.

"The kids enjoyed the games we played. They enjoy the moment with other kids and momentarily forgot about the destruction Typhoon Soudelor brought to the island," she added.

Saipan Soccer School staff, representatives from some local sports federations, and players from the CNMI Women's National Team training pool were the volunteer coaches in the summer camp.

CNMI

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Hunter Jewell, Evan Thosert-Belcher, Scott Kim, James Ermitanio, Alan Hinson, and team captain Kennedy Izuka. The Teen Ayuyus used the 4-1-4-1 formation in the first half to hold Singapore to three goals.

Midfielder Muhammad Hami Syahin Bin Said broke the ice for Singapore with his goal in the 10th minute and he also recorded the team's second goal in the 36th minute. The third one came three minutes later, courtesy of defender Justin Sui.

Despite leading by three at halftime, Singapore became more aggressive on offense to notch seven more goals and complete the blowout.

"The second half saw both teams making changes on their lineups. Singapore added a couple of attacking players and in the 57th minute, Yoshi (Mafnas) came in for Hunter which had us switch into a 4-4-2 formation—a move that hopefully could give Sean some help up front in search for that goal," Zapanta said.

"It was a battle out on the field. It was a more physical game, which the referee put to work, trying to break some altercations. A yellow card was issued to Jordan, who had several strong tackles. It was rough in the final 10 minutes where goal came flooding in. Josh had many good saves, but unfortunately rebounds went to Singapore

players—a deflection that gave Josh no chance. The team may have been drained by then too," Zapanta added.

Singapore's last five goals were made in the final 10 minutes with the first one coming from forward Ariyan Malik in the 82nd minute and the remaining four from midfielder Karthik Raj (83rd), captain Gareth Low (87th), defender Shah Zulkarnain (90th), and forward Irfan Fandi (second minute of stoppage time). Fandi, who was one of Singapore's substitutes, had two goals in the second half getting his first in the 61st, while the other early goal in the final frame was logged by midfielder Joshua Pereira off a penalty shot.

Meanwhile, the Teen Ayuyus will have a high-caliber opponent for their third game as they take on host Thailand tonight at 7pm (10pm Saipan time). The CNMI players watched Thailand beat Chinese-Taipei, 3-0, last Wednesday after the former's game against Singapore.

"Our boys were amazed by their play and it'll be a tough battle against the AFF U19 champions," Zapanta said.

Thailand has a 1-0-0 win-draw-loss record for second place in team standings in Group H behind South Korea, which also holds a similar mark, but has the advantage in the goals scored after downing Singapore, 6-2, last Monday. The top finisher in the group after the pool play will qualify to the championship next year.

LAOLAO

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Satur said the east course, considered Laolao's signature course with its layout along Saipan's cliffs in Kagman, opened its nine holes after a week.

"We opened only nine holes. There's still debris on the course, which added to the difficulty in the layout, but it is playable. We opened the full 18 holes a few days after," said Satur.

The west course's first nine holes was cleared of debris

one-and-a-half weeks after and before the end of August the entire golf and resort was fully operational.

"There's still some cleaning up to do. But the course is ready and playable. The conditions of the east and west courses are now back to normal," Satur said.

An average of 80 golfers play in both courses during weekdays and it shoots to more than 100 every weekends.

Laolao Bay Golf & Resort acting human resources man-

ager Pina Magofna said being closed for a month cost management a huge amount of money. "Laolao lost about \$350,000 in revenues after Soudelor. That's including the hotel, golf course, and the restaurant."

The entire golf and resort, located in the east side of Kagman, was a land used for grazing by cattle farmers before.

Japan's Shimizu Corp. turned the land into a golf and resort in the mid 1990s tapping golf legend Greg Norman to design a 36-hole course.

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Erwin, Joey rule darts; Hermogenes is pool king



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Darts partners champions, from left, Erwin Gomez and Joey "Bazooka" Songsong, with runners-up Patrick "Tako" Taitano and Ray "Udas" Cepeda after their match last Wednesday at the Smoke Pub Sports Bar.

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Erwin Clavecillas and Joey "Bazooka" Songsong ruled the partners darts tournament, while Rey Hermogenes crowned himself as the billiards king in the weekly events organized by Pacific Amusement Inc. last Wednesday at the Smoke Pub Sports Bar.

All matches are under the

Saipan Electronic Darts Association and Saipan Billiards Association in cooperation with Marpac, Bud Light, and Budweiser. Both one-day events are double-elimination round formats.

Clavecillas and Songsong bested 11 other pairs to clinch the \$140 championship purse and trophies. They defeated the



duo of Ray Cepeda and Patrick Taitano, who settled for the \$80 and T-shirt runners-up prizes.

Clavecillas and Songsong went undefeated on their way to win the blind draw

darts tournament. They first defeated Richard Santos and Matt Santos then followed it up with another victory over Romuel

Chavez and Pete Togawa.

Boy Martin and Mike Dela Cruz became their next victims then dispatched Boom Cruz and Jose Orosco to earn the first finals berth. They closed out their campaign with another win over Patrick "Tako" Taitano and Ray "Udas" Cepeda.

Taitano and Cepeda, after beating Rey Trasporto



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Rey Hermogenes, left, smiles after beating Erwin Gomez in the finals of their billiards match last Wednesday at the Smoke Pub Sports Bar.

Triple A youth baseball set Oct. 17

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The 2015 Division of Youth Services Summer/Fall Season Triple A Youth Baseball League is set to open on Oct. 17 at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Six teams will be contesting

the inaugural Under-18 tournament, which will follow a double-round robin format that is expected to stretch for three months. The time of the opening and complete schedule of games will be announced at a latter date.

Players that would join in the tournament would also get a chance to be selected as mem-

bers of the CNMI U21 All-Star team that would compete in the Baseball Confederation of Oceania regional tournament.

The BCO-organized U21 tournament will be hosted by Saipan either in the week after the Christmas holidays or early January in 2016.

The DYS-funded Triple A league was originally scheduled

in August but was moved to October after Typhoon Soudelor damaged the Tan Ko Baseball Field and other sports facilities on the island.

The Tan Ko field—which recently hosted the Little League Asia-Pacific-Middle East Regional Baseball Tournament in the Junior, Senior, and Big League divisions—suffered heavy damage as some of its lights were either misaligned or missing while the surrounding fence and other areas of the facility, including the batting cages, needs to be fixed.

League organizers would provide the team uniforms and matches will be played on day time every Saturdays and Sundays since the lights could not be used for night matches.

DYS is encouraging under privileged kids to join the league or any team.

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Youth baseball action returns on Oct. 17 for the Division of Youth Services-organized Summer/Fall Season Triple A Youth Baseball League at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

NMSA monthly meetings resume next week

The Northern Marianas Sports Association will resume its monthly meeting next week, Oct. 8, after power was restored at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium yesterday.

NMSA president Mike White said made the announcement in an email sent to board members and representatives of each sports association and federation.

White said he moved the NMSA meeting to next week since the Ada Gym conference room and its offices still needs to be cleaned.

"The good news, power has just been restored to the Ada Gym. The bad news, the conference room is badly in need of cleaning and is in

no shape to hold our monthly meeting," said White.

"The gym staff advised me that there is no way that the cleaning can be finished [Thursday]. I am therefore rescheduling our meeting to next Thursday at 7pm."

NMSA failed to hold its monthly meetings for two

months, in August and September, after Typhoon Soudelor left Saipan without power and water.

The CNMI's performance in the last Pacific Games in Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea, upcoming events, and the Athletes of the Month—if there's any—are the expected topics to be discussed. (Jon Perez)



and Paul Quizon, lost to Pam Ybanez and Rusty Santos to drop into the loser's bracket where they had to claw their way out in order to clinch a finals meeting with Clavecillas and Songsong.

Taitano and Cepeda defeated the pairs of Jeff Barit and Leo Wania, Richard Santos and Matt Santos, Martin and Dela Cruz, Jun Santos and K.J. Villagomez, and Cruz and Orosco.

Their Cinderella run, however, ended when they lost to Clavecillas and Songsong in the championship game.

Claro Bicol and Carter Calma, and Darrol Atalig and Omar Quindoza were the other pairs that competed.

In the billiards event, Hermogenes bested a field of nine other top cue artists to win the \$60 cash prize and the trophy. He defeated Erwin Gomez in

the finals.

His other wins were against Jerry Soriano, Mark Butac, and Rob Lieberworth in the elimination round.

Gomez, meanwhile, had to go through the loser's bracket after dropping his opening assignment against Nolan Cultura.

He then scored wins over Soriano and Jeff Garcia, then exacted revenge over elimination round tormentor Cultura, downed Butac, before earning the fight of facing Hermogenes in the finals with a victory over Lieberworth.

Rowel Mariano, Ray Matsunaga, and Rico Montano were the other cue artists that joined the tournament.

The darts and billiards events continue next Wednesday, Oct. 7, back at Jonny's Bar & Grill in Garapan. Registration starts at 7pm.

23 join inaugural San Antonio caging



Twenty-three teams spread in three divisions will see action in the inaugural San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League that will kick off tomorrow at the San Antonio court.

The Open division has the most squads with 10, while the Masters and U18 categories will feature eight and five teams, respectively.

Armotech leads the cast in the Open division and will be joined by MGD, GMJ, Pacific Islands Club, KB Market, Ali'i/Blue Haus, 5 Star Construction, Ask Y U B, the Sonics, and Donnel Isip's team. Armotech also has an entry in the Masters division and will battle the division crown against Blue Haus, MGD-GP-PC, Bammy's Restaurant, KB Market, GMJ, CES Electron-

ics, and one more squad that has yet to be named.

Armotech has a third team, which will compete in the U18 division along with Ferrera Builders, Armotech, Sonics, KB Market, and GMI.

Squads in the U18 division will kick off the action in the inaugural caging after the opening ceremony set for 5pm. League coordinator Boy Garcia is asking participating teams to be at the venue for the opening ceremony by 4:30pm. The first match of the season is expected to start at 6pm and it will be followed by an Open division pairing around 8pm. Teams playing in the opening day will be announced after the opening ceremony. Garcia added they are now working on the playing days per division.

For more information, contact Garcia at 989-6386. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)



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Sonics' Mark Ogasawara is swarmed by Ol'Aces defenders during a youth league played at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium early this year. The Sonics' U18 team is one of the five squads participating in the San Antonio caging that will kick off this Saturday.



Cardinals rout Pirates, clinch 3rd straight NL Central title

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Erwin, Joey rule darts; Hermogenes is pool king

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CNMI shows progress vs Singapore

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The CNMI lost another match in the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers, but showed some improvement in their 0-10 defeat at the hands of Singapore last Wednesday night at the SCG Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand.

Today's game (last Wednesday) against Singapore saw an improved team despite what the score line may tell.



Passes were being connected and chances for goals were created. No balls hitting the back of the net for the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The CNMI's starters against Singapore pose for a group photo before their second game in the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers last Wednesday night at the SCG Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand.

CNMI players but they sure did give it their best," team manager Ruselle Zapanta said in a report submitted to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association office.

Forward Sean Perez started

out for the Teen Ayuyus against Singapore and tried to anchor the team's offense on a couple of occasions.

"The team continued working their 'block' and shifting side to side, trying to catch Singa-

pore on the counter attack. We had several foot races between Sean and Singapore's defenders for the ball, but they were just as quick as Sean. Sean managed to win a couple of corners or gave us a chance to put Jor-

dan's (Butcher) long throws into play," the team manager added.

Joining Butcher and Perez on the starting unit were goalie Joshua Galario, Ryu Tanzawa,

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Laolao golf courses first to open after Soudelor

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Laolao Bay Golf & Resort was the first to resume full operations a few weeks after its east and west courses were littered with debris brought by the destructive winds of Typhoon Soudelor.

"We erected and re-planted about 95 percent of the trees in the entrance. And it took us a week just to clear the road going inside the golf resort," said

Laolao golf course operations manager Tony Satur.

"On both golf courses, 80 percent of the trees were uprooted. That's why our crew is still working to plant them again and replace the ones that need to be replaced," added the CNMI Sports Hall of Famer.

The golf range, near the hotel, was the first to open two days after the typhoon.

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JON PEREZ

Leaves are starting to grow again on the row of trees that line the road entering Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.



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Laolao Bay Golf & Resort a day after Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan.

Over 60 complete TSL Foundation summer camp

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Organizers of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation-led 2015 Summer Camp presented participation medals to more than 60 youth who completed the annual event during the awards ceremony last Friday at the San Antonio Middle School Field.

Participants were rewarded with medals for attending the two-part clinic that involved teaching the youth the basic skills in various sports in Phase 1 and putting into practice what they have learned in the first stage for the Phase 2 sessions.

The first part of the summer camp, which was held in coordination with Saipan Soccer School, run for nearly a month and drew more than 100 participants. Phase 1 was held from June 29 to July 29, while Phase 2 was originally scheduled from Aug. 3 to 7, but was suspended after Typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan.

The final part of the summer camp resumed last Sept. 21 and

was completed last Friday with participants doing seven sports/activities: badminton, volleyball, basketball, futsal kick ball, dodgeball, and soccer. Badminton and volleyball games took place at the TSL Sports Com-

plex with two-hour sessions each, while basketball and futsal matches were played for four hours each at the same venue.

From the TSL Sports Complex, participants moved to the San Antonio pitch to play kick

ball, dodgeball, and soccer. The first two activities were held last Sept. 24 for two hours each, while soccer games were played for three hours last Friday and

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Participants of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation-led 2015 Summer Camp pose for a photo with their medals during the awards ceremony held last Friday at the San Antonio Middle School Field.